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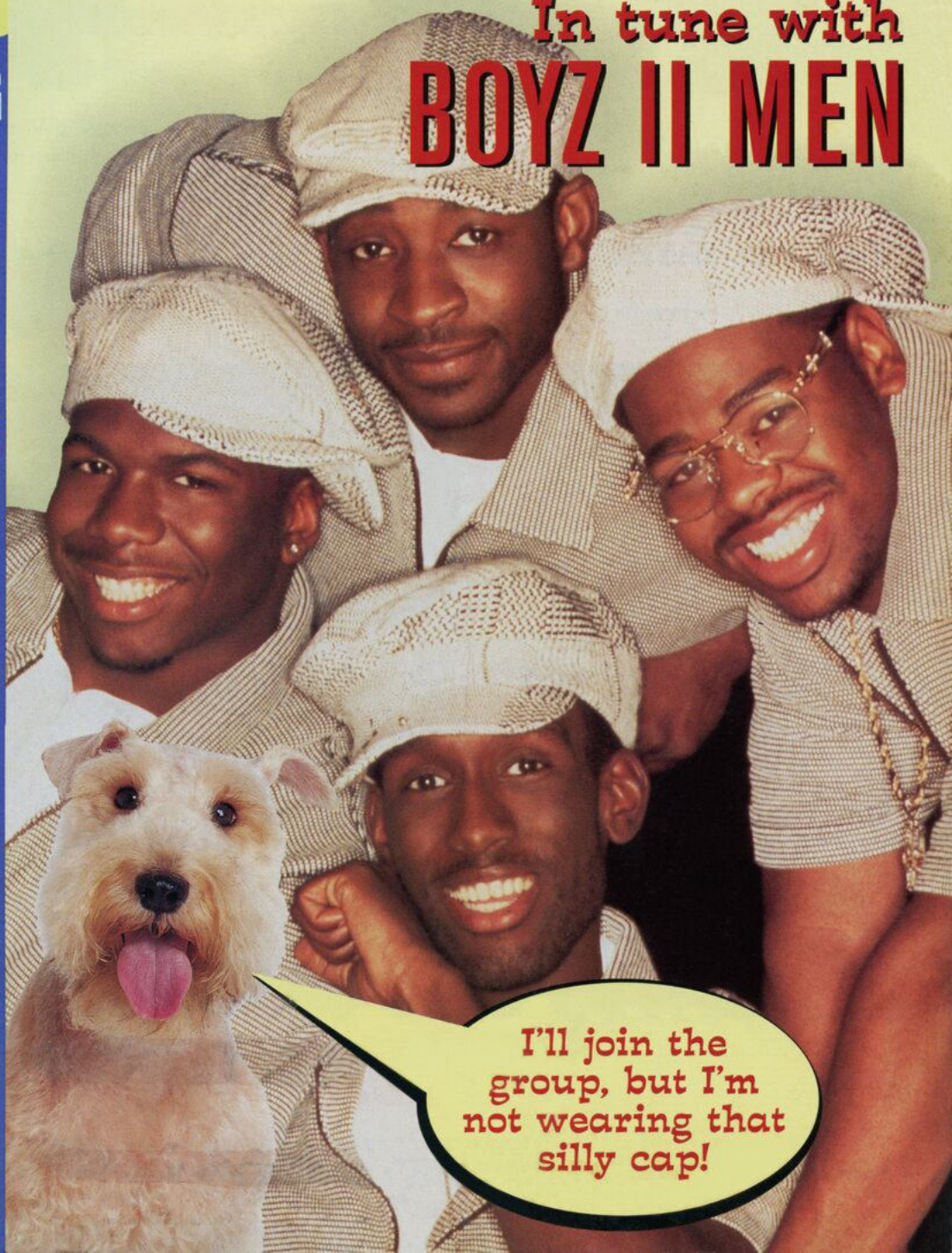
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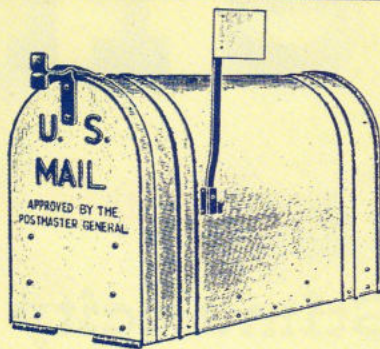
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Attention

When you see this  it means the story is based on fact. **IT IS REAL.** We didn't make it up. The stories that don't have an  are just products of our overactive imaginations.

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS



Dear Nick Mag,
Your magazine is really cool. So cool that my cat even likes the way it smells! Sometimes when I'm reading NICKELODEON MAGAZINE, she tells me that she wishes there was a section just for cats.

Dessiree G.
Poway, California

Dear Dessiree,
We bet your cat says nice things to all the kids magazines. But we agree with you. The magazine could use a section for cats.

Signed,
Alice
Broccoli
Max
Milo

Dear Nick Mag,
Where do you get your ideas? Do you buy a pill that you take and it makes you funny and your minds overactive? You must have!

Dina G.
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Dina,
It's not pills... it's doughnuts!

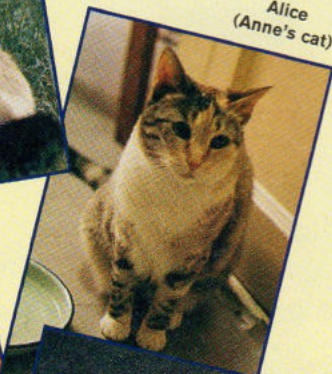
Dear Nick Mag,
How do you write a letter to NICKELODEON MAGAZINE?
R. A. Y.
Bronx, New York

Dear R.A.,
You just did.

Broccoli
(Marissa's cat)



Alice
(Anne's cat)



Milo & Max
(Alexa's cats)

Send your letters to: Letters to the Editors, NICKELODEON MAGAZINE, 1515 Broadway, 41st floor, New York, NY 10036. Please include your name, address, age, and telephone number.

This staff has good scents.



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MOVING OUT!



We're moving from the 50th floor to the 41st floor. Hopefully we'll be unpacked in time for the next issue.

get on board



...and get ready to take off with our special travel section, which begins on page 7.

WE WANT WHATEVER YOU WANT

Since this is our **FIRST** monthly issue, the amount of time we have to judge your contest entries and Say What? jokes just got a lot shorter. The "Whatever You Want" page will return next issue, when we'll announce the winners of the Spacey Song contest and Say What? #11.

GROSS GARDENS



What about Dogwood?



Get in touch with nature this summer. Among the following plants, ten are real. The other six we made up. Guess which is which. Fill in the circle next to the real ones. **R**

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(Get seven or more right and you have a **green thumb**. Get three to six right and you might have a **future as a florist**. Get none right and you're a **potted plant**.) Answers on page 55.



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- _____ BERRY
- THE COLOR OF GUACAMOLE? _____
- SNOW _____
- _____ PANTHER
- RHYMES WITH FURPLE AND WURPLE? _____



ANSWERS: 1. YELLOW 2. ORANGE 3. RED 4. BLUE 5. GREEN 6. WHITE 7. PINK 8. PURPLE

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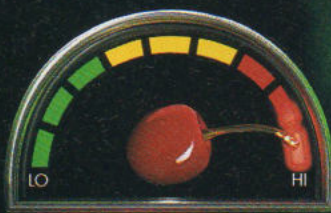
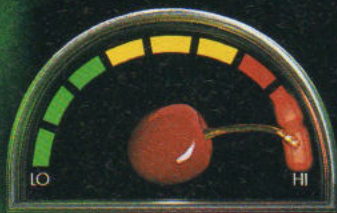


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The Joke Page

By David Lewman



How did the chicken travel for free?

She used her frequent fryer miles.

Why did the duck go to Philadelphia?

He wanted to see the quack in the Liberty Bell.

What did the museum animals say when the kid offered them food?

"No, thanks—we're stuffed."

Why did the car's pants fall down?

He forgot to fasten his seatbelt.

Which part of a car is the most conceited?

The alarm, because it's always blowing its own horn.

What did the buzzard pack before her flight?

Her carrion baggage.

What did the steering wheel say to the tires?

"C'mon, it's my turn!"

What did the key say to the ignition?

"Don't start with me again!"

Why does the orchestra always take the train?

Because they need a conductor.

What does the Statue of Liberty use for a toothpick?

The Washington Monument.



I'm going to a National Bark for my vacation.



Yellowstone tourist: "Is Old Faithful a man or a woman?"

Yellowstone ranger: "He's a guy, sir." (Get it? Guy, sir=geyser?)

Which National Park...

...is the least healthy?

The *Second-Hand* Smoky Mountains.

...is the scariest?

The *Absolutely* Petrified Forest.

...has the best cookies?

The *Grandma* Canyon.

...welcomes the most dogs?

Yellowsnow.

...is Sylvester Stallone's favorite?

Rocky Mountain.



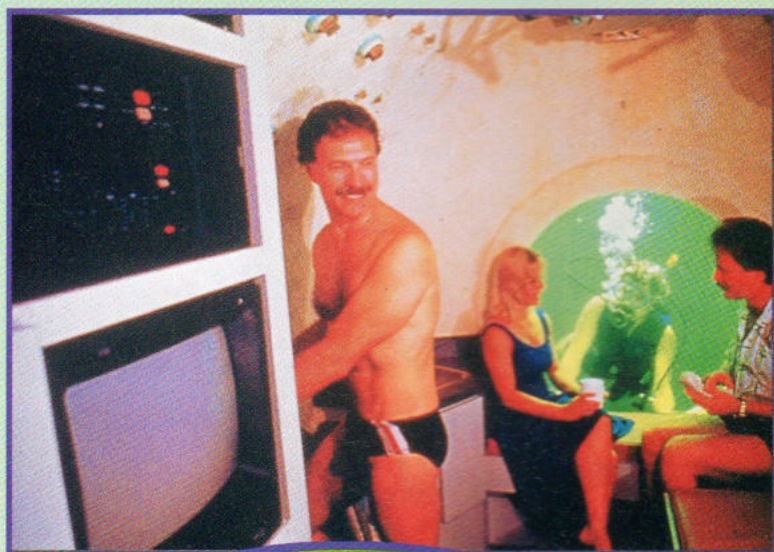
Manny Land's Guide to Loony Lodgings

Next time you're on a trip around the world, be sure to check out these four very unusual hotels.



What a Dive

If you're thinking of driving to Jules' Undersea Lodge, think again. The only way to get there is to dive into a lagoon in Key Largo, Florida, and swim down 30 feet to the entrance. Named in honor of Jules Verne, the author of *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea*, the lodge started as an underwater mobile research lab. In 1986, the lab was turned into a hotel and anchored to the lagoon floor. Since there are only two rooms, make sure to call ahead for reservations.



If You're Going...

Activities: Watch fish swim past your windows. Although you can't pick up any channels on the TV in your room, you can watch water-themed videos, such as *The Little Mermaid* and *Splash*.

Food: The lodge has 24-hour room service and a chef. You can even order out for pizza; when it's ready, hotel workers deliver it to you in a waterproof container.

What to Bring: Pack light, because you have to fit everything into one small waterproof suitcase. And you can forget about bringing your blow dryer and hairspray—you aren't allowed to use your own electrical appliances or aerosol cans.





Laugh It Up...

and send in this card
to get a **subscription** to
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the magazine **FOR**
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jammed with jokes,
packed with puzzles, and
crammed with comics.

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Kid's name _____ Birth date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Parent's signature _____

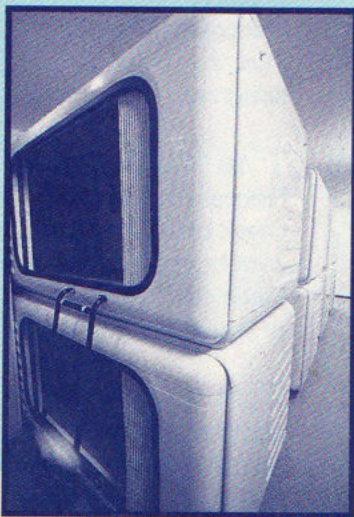
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Take One Capsule and Call Me in the Morning

If you've always wanted to stay in a hotel room by yourself, go to Tokyo and check into a capsule hotel, where the room is big enough for only you. From the outside, your capsule-room looks like a microwave oven, and it's not much bigger inside—only three feet wide by three feet high by six and a half feet deep. You share a bathroom with the other guests.

Japan has many capsule hotels for people who miss the last commuter train to the suburbs. These miniscule rooms provide a cheap way to get a good night's sleep in the city.



If You're Going...

Activities: Your capsule has a small TV and a radio.

Food: There's no room service, but a vending machine in the lobby sells snacks.

What to Bring: Your belongings have to fit in a locker, so pack lightly. The hotel can provide you with a bathrobe and toiletries.



Me Tarzan, You Hotel

Staying at the Ariaú Jungle Tower Hotel in Brazil may cost more than staying at a capsule, but at least it's a lot more spacious. The hotel's 138 rooms were built on stilts that poke into the treetops of the Amazon jungle. One room was built atop a 150-foot-tall tree that stands on the banks of the Rio Negro. If you want to stay there, don't try to swing by on a vine—the only way to arrive is by boat.



If You're Going...

Activities: If you get bored swimming in the pools or playing in the game room, you can look for alligators or fish for piranhas. Of course, you can always just stay in your room and watch monkeys swing by your window.

Food: There are all kinds to choose from.

What to Bring: It's 70° to 90° Fahrenheit all year long, so pack your summer clothes and some insect repellent.

This place is de-vine.





An Ice Place to Visit

Here's the perfect place to chill out: the Ice Hotel in Jukkasjärvi (pronounced you-kas-YER vee), Sweden. The entire hotel is made of snow and ice. Even the beds are frozen solid, but they come with reindeer skins and sleeping bags for warmth. The hotel was opened four years ago, but since it melts each spring and gets rebuilt each fall, it always looks different. Last winter, a team of workers spent a whole month transforming 3,000 tons of snow and ice into a hotel. In the end, it was about one-fourth the size of a football field and stood 18 feet tall.




If You're Going...

Activities: Go dog-sledding, or take a two-day snowmobile safari. If you can't stand the cold, but still want to see the hotel, you can take a tour for seven dollars.

Food: The hotel's restaurant features many Swedish specialties: salmon soup, roasted reindeer, and occasionally a smörgåsbord (a buffet of 50 to 60 traditional Swedish dishes).

What to Bring: Warm clothes. None of the hotel's 10 rooms are heated.

Record-Setting Rooms

And if there's no vacancy at those hotels, you might want to check out checking into one of these... 

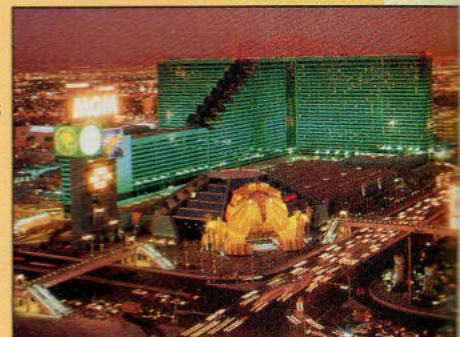
The world's oldest: The Houshi Ryokan in Awazu Onsen, Japan, was founded more than 1,200 years ago. It was built near a hot water spring that was believed to have magical healing powers.

The world's tallest: The Westin Stamford in Raffles City, Singapore, is 70 stories high. At 741.9 feet, it is taller than the Washington Monument by nearly 200 feet.

The world's largest hotel lobby: The Hyatt Regency in San Francisco, California, has a lobby that measures 350 feet long and 160 feet wide. The ceiling is as high as a 17-story building.

The world's largest hotel:

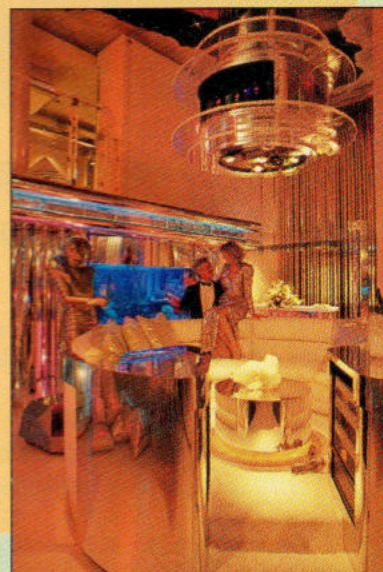
The MGM Grand in Las Vegas, Nevada, has 5,005 rooms, 93 elevators, and a theme park that covers 33 acres. Plus, they bake 12,000 doughnuts every day.



The most impersonal hotels: In France's automated hotels, you can check in and check out without ever speaking to anyone. To book a room or pay your bill, all you have to do is insert a credit card into a machine. There are more than 300 of these hotels in France.

The most expensive hotel room ever:

Until it was closed indefinitely for repairs, the Galactic Fantasy Suite in the Nassau Marriott Resort and Crystal Palace Casino in Nassau, the Bahamas, cost \$25,000 per night. The room came equipped with a robot named Ursula and a sound and light show.





The Bag of Tricks

The next time you're packing for a vacation, here's one bag you shouldn't forget—the NICKELODEON MAGAZINE Bag of Tricks. Just cut out these items along the dotted lines, and all your travels will be tricky.

Instructions: After your next meal in a restaurant, give this to your waiter or waitress and ask them to rate your family.

It's important that our family know
if our behavior was acceptable!

please check one answer for each question

1. Our family was
☐ quiet ☐ very loud ☐ totally annoying
2. How many pieces of silverware did we drop?
☐ none ☐ one ☐ too many to count
3. When ordering, it took us
☐ no time at all ☐ the right amount of time
☐ so much time, the daily special changed
4. You found our table to be
☐ neat ☐ sloppy ☐ a National Disaster Area
5. If we came back, you would
☐ ask to serve us ☐ pretend you didn't know us ☐ lock the doors

Instructions: Give these coupons to the driver before you begin a long car trip.

1 HOUR **1 HOUR**
Good for one fight-free hour*
1 HOUR **1 HOUR**
*if you let me pick the radio station

20 MINUTES **20 MINUTES**
Good for 20 minutes of silence*
20 MINUTES **20 MINUTES**
*This offer is valid only if you treat me to a(n) _____
write your favorite dessert here

Instructions: Use this card in a car, a plane, or anywhere you need a seat saved.

SEAT SAVED!

for

your name here

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Instructions: Check as many boxes as you want. Then place under your car's windshield wiper.

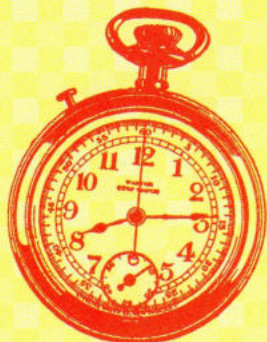
SUMMONS!

This car violates the
Vehicular Vacacioners' Code.
You have received this ticket
for the following reasons:

- ☐ Car seats are way too hot.
- ☐ Food left in the car is causing a disgusting smell.
- ☐ Maps have fallen apart due to excessive folding and refolding.
- ☐ Occupants did not "de-sand" before entering, resulting in a backseat that looks like a beach.
- ☐ Dead bugs are splattered all over the windshield.
- ☐ There are no good tapes to listen to.
- ☐ It smells like someone threw up.
- ☐ Dog hair has clogged the air conditioner.
- ☐ There's a bump in the middle of the back seat.
- ☐ Cracked and aging bumper stickers are peeling off fender.
- ☐ "Wash me" message on rear window has been ignored.

If this car does not meet acceptable standards within five (5) non-working days, the driver may be required to spend ten (10) hours driving around a traffic circle.

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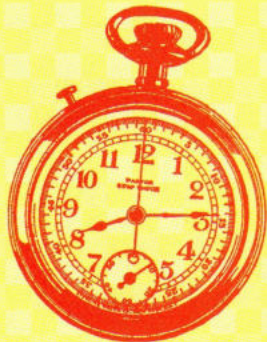


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BACK-TO-COOL WORD SEARCH

What did the computer
do in the lunchroom?



It had a byte!

Nine words about your favorite subject (school!) are hidden in the word search below. Look for 'em up, down and backwards — and after you've found all nine, the leftover letters will spell the name of THE place to go if you wanna be cool for school. Answers are upside down at the bottom of the page.

A	R	H	H	O	R
R	E	C	E	S	S
T	A	N	A	C	M
H	D	U	L	I	U
T	I	L	T	E	S
A	N	N	H	N	I
M	G	R	S	C	C
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Brett's N Wear School-gear:
Henley-style shirt \$20
Printed shirt \$28
Jeans \$17.95

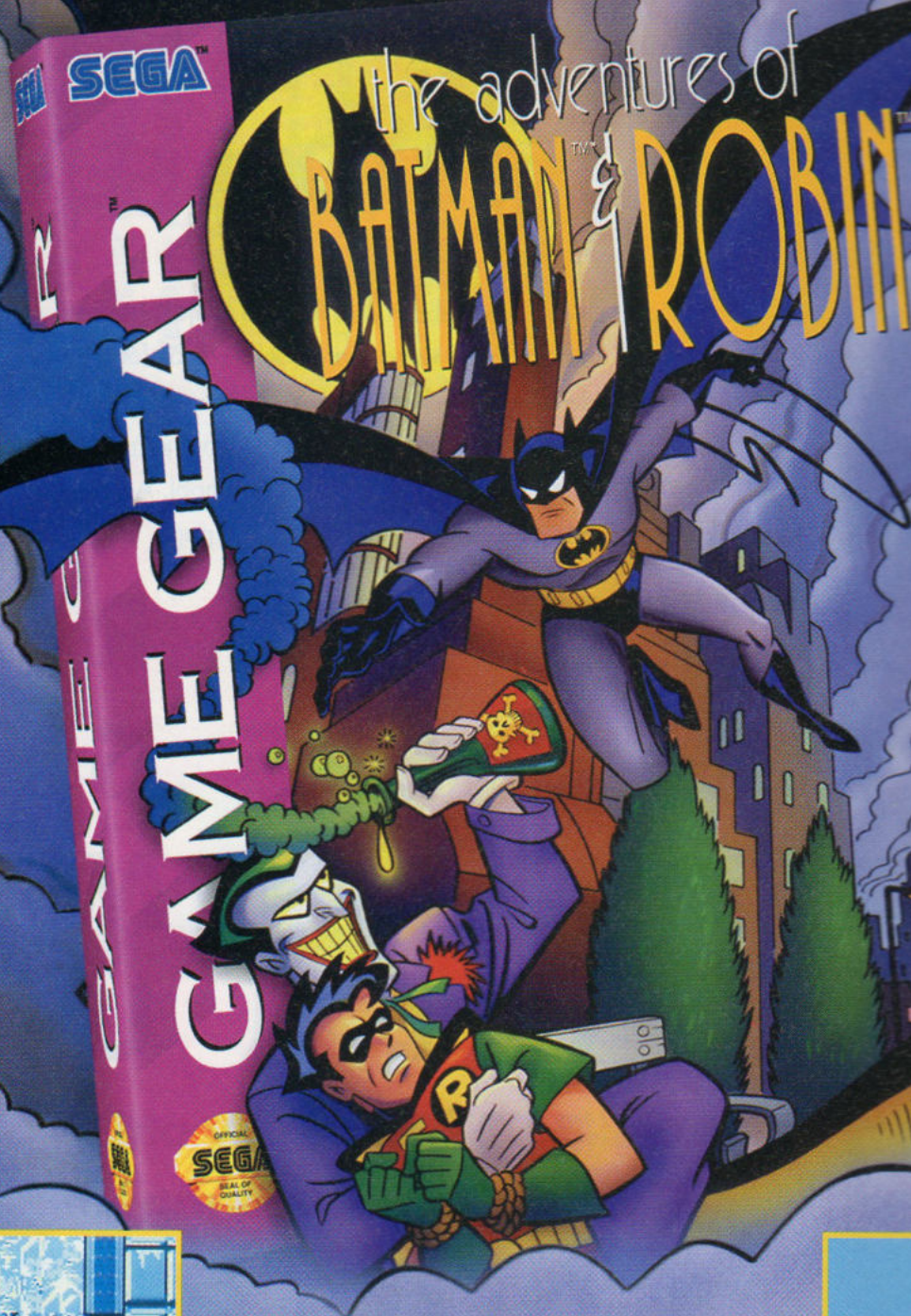


Brittany's N Wear Study-duds:
Turtleneck \$11
Flannel shirt \$19
Leggings \$16

Items pictured available in Kids Wear at Nordstrom after August 10. All, imported. To order by phone, call 1-800-695-8000

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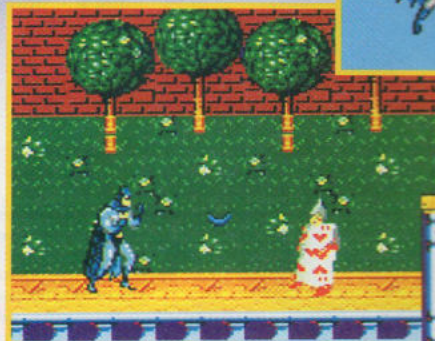
Answers: The hidden words are MATH, SCIENCE, HEALTH, LUNCH, RECESS, ART, MUSIC, READING, and PE. The leftover letters spell NORDSTROM.



Start chillin'!
Mr. Freeze wants Batman iced, but the Dark Knight has his own plans for turning up the heat in Gotham City!



Command the airwaves! Take on Tweedledee on the scaffolding of a television studio. Film at 11!



Deal a winning hand! Mad Hatter's goons try and stack the deck, but Batman's ready to cut the cards!



Now on Broadway!
Fly high above the skyscrapers of Gotham City to battle thugs at every turn!



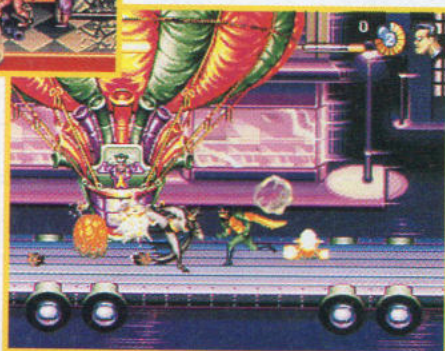
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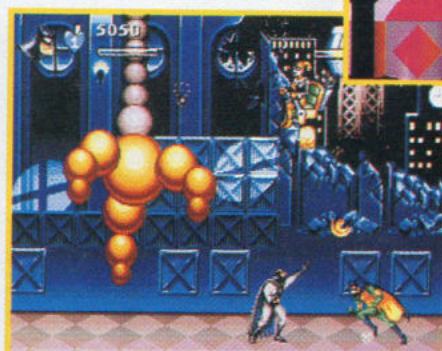
Feel the heat of the Knight!
When Mr. Freeze puts Gotham City on ice, Batman and Robin answer the call. With a mix of sharp-shooting and intense action, it's like two games in one!



Go ballistic! Battle huge bosses including *The Joker*, *Mad Hatter*, *Two-Face* and the chilling *Mr. Freeze* before *Gotham City* becomes *Ice Cube Central*!



Madness marches on!
Exploding rabbits, terrorist teacups and killer coffee pots mean *Mad Hatter's* cupboard is full—and you better watch your back before you get done in by another nasty knickknack!



Enter a new dimension! Awesome original animation lets you run a gauntlet of 3-D rotating and scaling sprites... then team up and double the intensity in 2-player mode!



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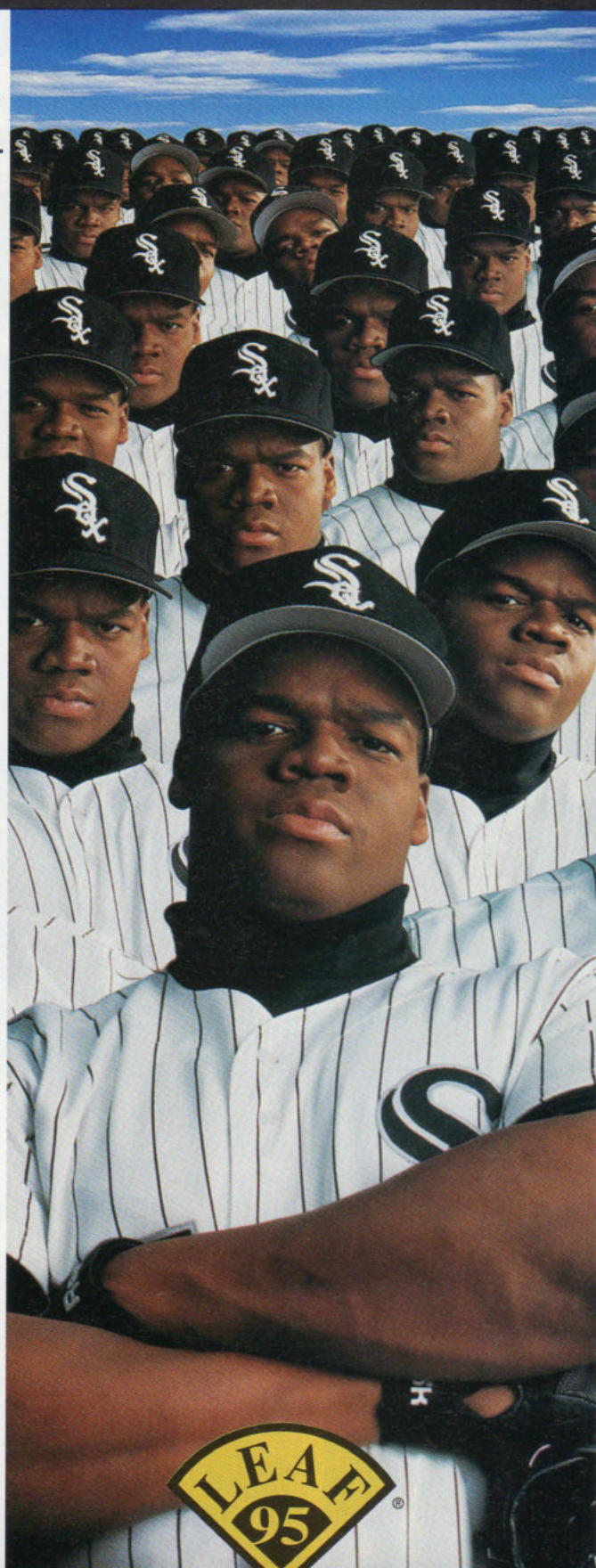
Rip open enough packs of **Leaf Baseball** cards, and you'll see six **hot** insert sets with more **Frank Thomas**

than any other brand. You'll also get over **400** of Frank's fellow players too. Like **Gold Leaf Stars**.

14 of the game's greats with a see-through, **die-cut star**. Upcoming Series 2 will feature The Big Hurt.™

Cornerstones features top-flight infielders at first (Guess who) and third on **one card**, with carved logos.

Slideshow captures Frank and seven other players with multiple poses on



a **photo disk**. Look for the second half of each disk in Series 2.

The 300 Club*

shows off active .300 hitters like Frank Thomas in their own insert set.

Statistical Standouts**

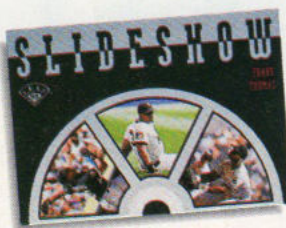
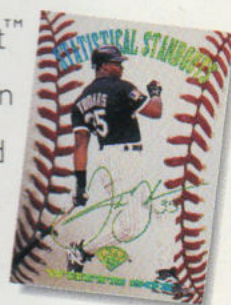
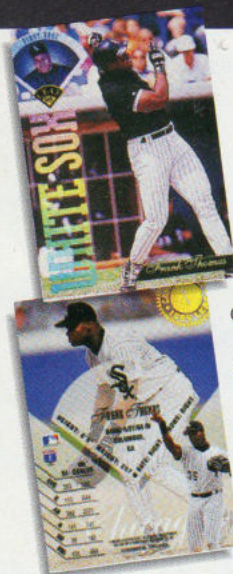
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The

Backseat Broadcast

By David Lewman

You're stuck in the car on a L-O-N-G family trip. The driver keeps searching for a good radio station, but everyone fights about what kind of music they want to hear. Quickly, before the adults can pop in one of their tapes, fill in the blanks and read this radio script aloud.



YOU: Gooooooooooooo afternoon, everybody, and welcome to K (or W, if you're east of the Mississippi River)
the radio station for families riding in messy Remember, "If You're In Our Car, You're a Radio Star." I'm your afternoon DJ, , and here's the news:

• The United Nations today passed a resolution warning drivers not to squeeze the knees of passengers in the

..... stay tuned>



backseat. Knee-squeezers will be arrested and have their own knees squeezed by hyperactive gorillas.

- The American Medical Association has released a report proving that the deadly disease Squirmitis is caused by going too long without a bathroom break.

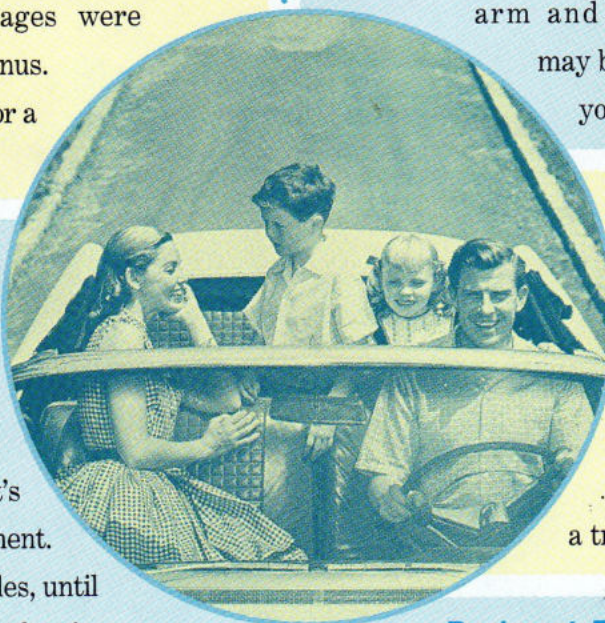
- And finally, the people of Earth today elected as their Leader for Life.

Billions of congratulatory messages were beamed from Venus, Mars, and Uranus.

Now we go to for a weather update.

Backseat Person: Here's the forecast for the backseat region (Choose any of the following):

- Continued hot and muggy, until someone finally agrees to turn up the air-conditioning, even though it's bad for gas mileage and the environment.
- Continued cold, with frost and icicles, until someone finally agrees to turn down the air-conditioning.
- Continued rain, just like every other day on this so-called vacation, with occasional fogging up of the back windows. Passengers are advised to keep their fingers off the nice, clean glass.



You: Thank you, And now, for a brief word from our sponsor:

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Next up: Sports. Let's go to the sports department for a report from

Backseat Person: Thanks, The International Hangman Finals continued today in the back seat of a messy , headed down The finalists were neck-and-neck until got back on the ropes. We've got to admit, you really used your head. But there are rumors that paid an arm and a leg for this victory, and may be called for a foul vowel. Back to you,

You: Coming up later in our broadcast: today's contest, with chances for everyone listening to win big, expensive prizes. But right now, let's go up to in the helicopter for a traffic report.

Backseat Person (Beating chest and talking loudly as if in a helicopter): It's still all backed up on the , with construction delays from the studio, all the way to The State Police have issued a severe crankiness warning for families traveling along this stretch of road.

You: Thanks, backseat person's name

Backseat Person: You're welcome, DJ's name

You: That's better. And now we'd like to present an exclusive interview with , author of the new bestseller, *Stop Kicking My Seat!* Welcome to the program, No, don't turn around. Keep your eyes on the road. (Now interview the driver, using all of the following questions, plus any of your own.)



- First of all, our listeners want to know: Are we there yet?
- Are you planning to make any rest stops soon? If so, will you buy beverages and candy for your passengers? If no, why not?
- Also, are we there yet?
- And just one final question: Are we there yet?

Well, I'd love to talk to you more, driver's name, but I'm getting a special bulletin from our underseat investigative reporter, backseat person's name.

Backseat Person: Yes, DJ's name, at this moment I'm reaching far underneath the seat in front of me to see what I can discover.

You: (Interview the backseat person as he or she digs around under the seat. Use all of the following questions.)

- Are you wearing protective gloves?
- How long do you think it's been since anyone cleaned under that seat?
- What are you finding? Any money under there? Any candy? Is it wrapped?
- Has anything bitten you?

Well, that's it for our special Under-the-Seat Report. Coming up tonight at eight: we go through all the drawers in our motel room. But right now it's time for another exciting live interview, this time with front seat passenger's name, who's currently starring in the mega-hit movie, *Navigator*, the exciting story of an expert map reader. (Use all of the following questions.)

- Did you do your own map stunts, or did someone do them for you?

- Are you willing to ask for directions?
- Any truth to the rumors of a romance with your co-star, Tom Cruise (or Julia Roberts)?
- How long is it until the next rest stop?
- And one final question: In your expert opinion, are we there yet?

You: Thank you for that fascinating interview, name of front seat passenger. And now it's the moment you've all been waiting for: our big contest! But first I need a contestant, and I'm going to take the first person in the car to yell out the name of our radio station! (The first person to yell out the name of the station gets to be in the contest.) Congratulations! You get to be in our contest. To win our beautiful, expensive prizes, all

you have to do is answer three simple questions. Ready? Here's your first question:

- Are there any gloves in the glove compartment? (Wait for answer.) That's right! Now, for the second question:
- Does our horn work? (Wait for answer.) Correct! And now, for the million dollars, the beautiful mansion, the pony, and a stop at a clean rest room, please answer the third and final question:

• Who invented the gas engine in 1853? (Wait for answer.) Oh, I am sorry! The answer we were looking for is, of course, Eugenio Barsanti and Felice Matteucci. So, as Leader for Life of the planet Earth, I hereby declare myself the contest winner! See you at the mansion, and thanks for listening to

name of your station!





CHOOSE where you SNOOZE

When you go on vacation, you can stay at motels, campgrounds, or with relatives. The next time you're getting ready to travel, use our handy chart to figure out which place is best for you.

MOTEL		CAMPING		STAYING WITH RELATIVES	
					
The Good Part:	The Bad Part:	The Good Part:	The Bad Part:	The Good Part:	The Bad Part:
EATING					
unlimited ice cubes	ice cubes aren't nutritious	can eat with a twig	might accidentally eat a twig	dishes of candy	the water tastes funny
SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS					
can jump on bed	scratchy bedspreads	plenty of fresh air	your brother's feet in your face	can snoop around in rooms	might have to double up with your cousins
SCENERY					
cool neon signs	water stains on ceiling	stars at night	drying underwear	goofy photos of parents	goofy photos of you
THE BATHROOM					
sanitized for your protection	burns from the sun lamp	don't have to flush	soggy toilet paper	padded vinyl toilet seat	the line to get in
ACTIVITIES					
running up and down the hall	skimming mosquitoes off the pool	making s'mores	itching	starring in home videos	denying you broke your cousins' toys
MOST OFTEN HEARD SOUNDS					
"We're out of towels."		zzzz...SPLAT!!		"I'll be out in a minute!"	



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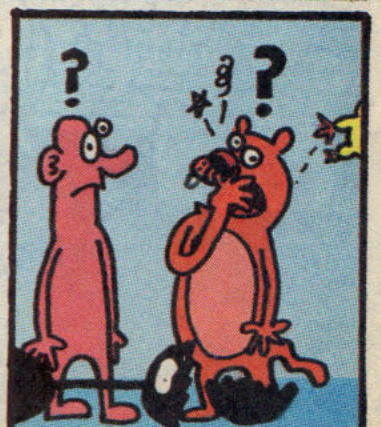
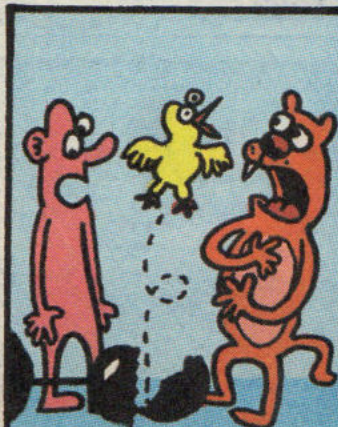
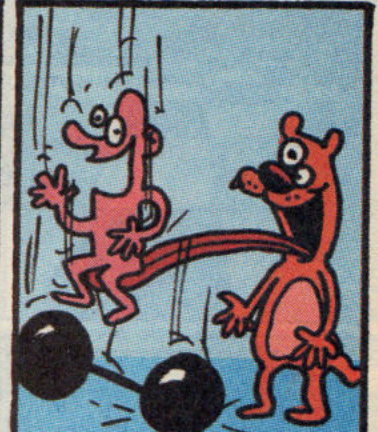
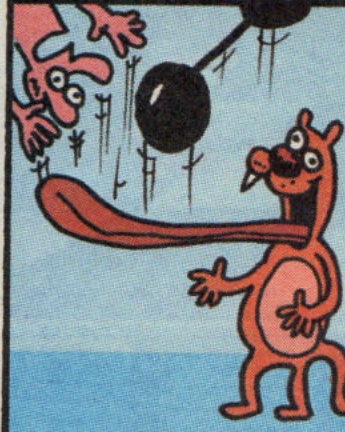
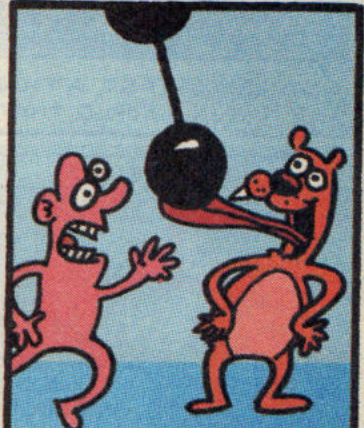
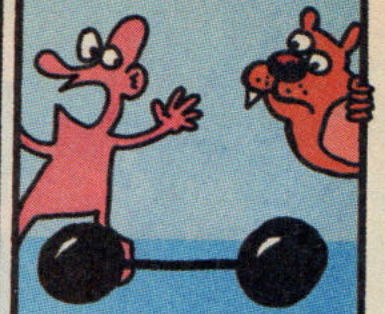
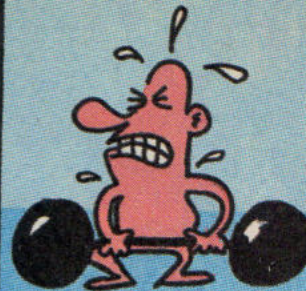
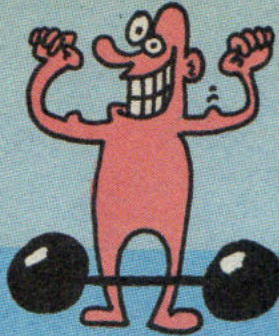
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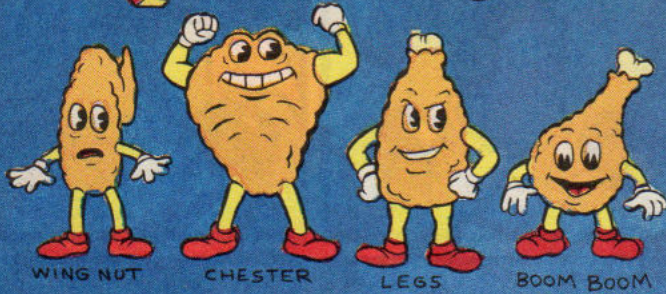
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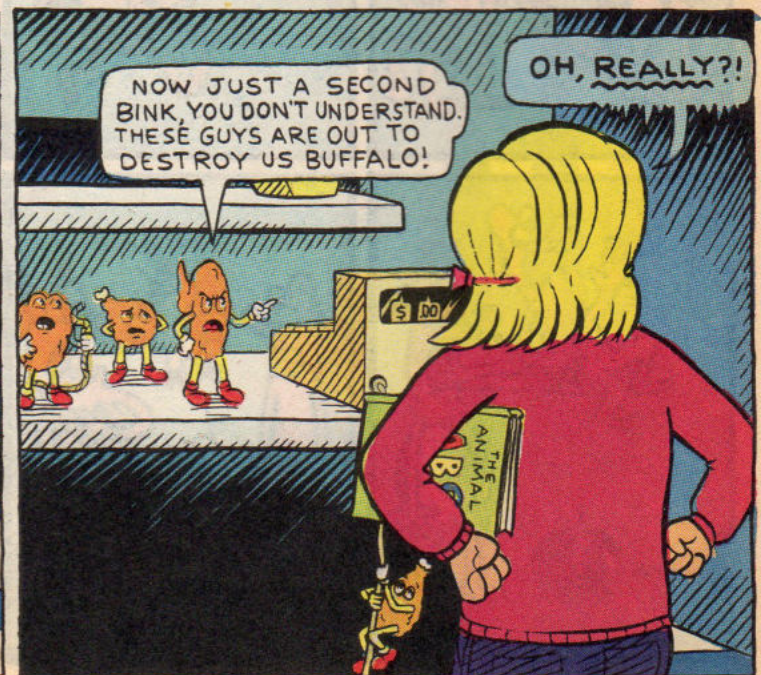
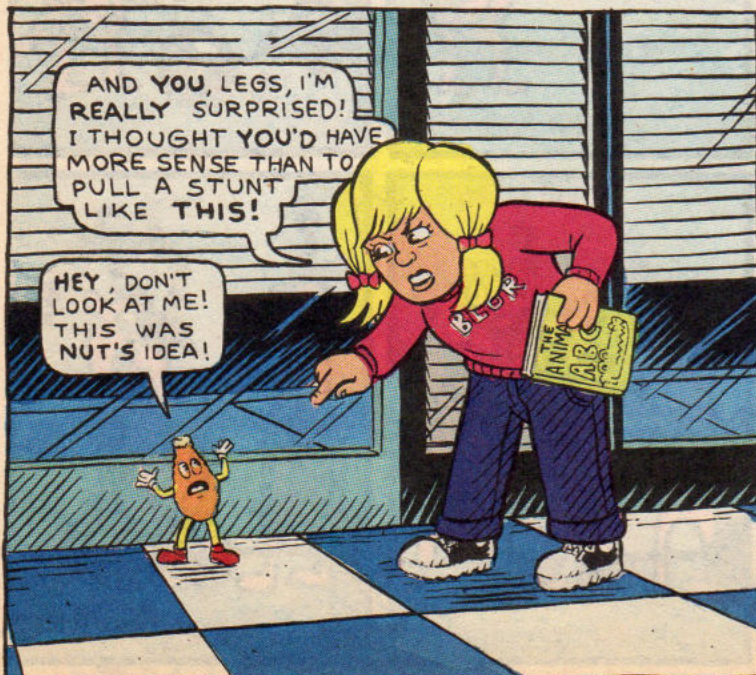
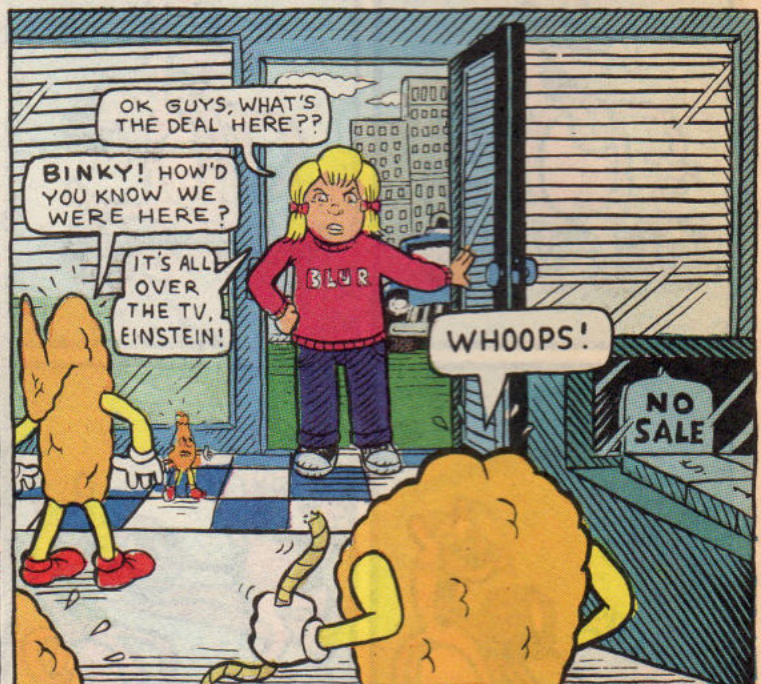
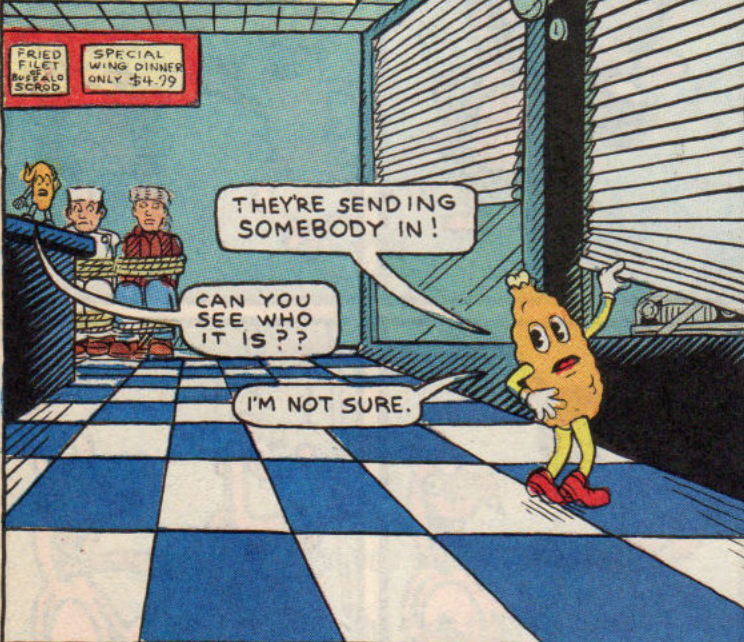
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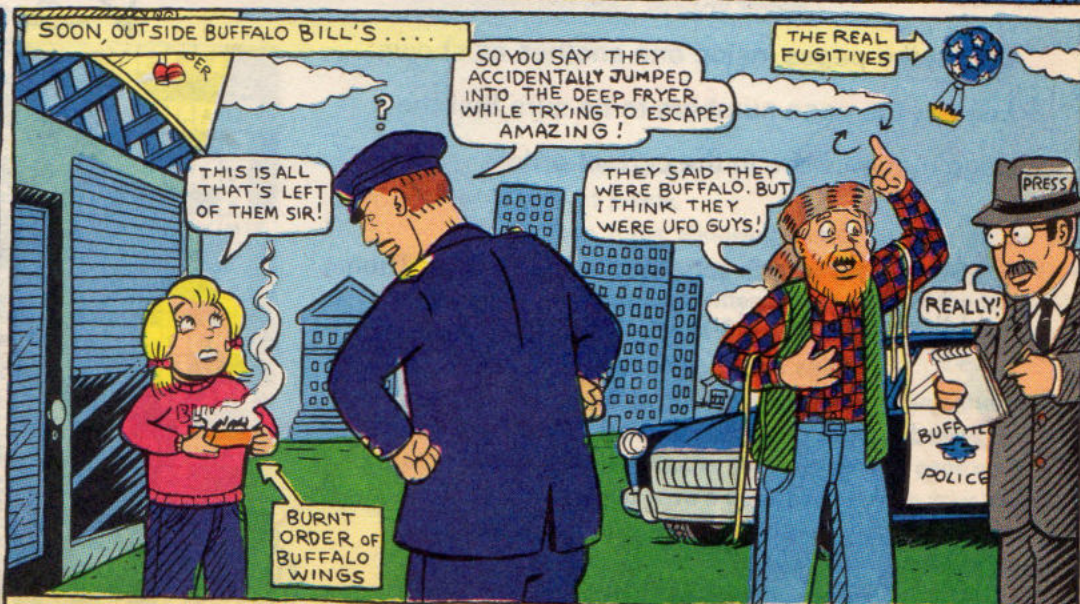
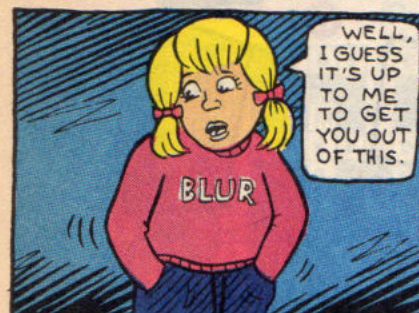
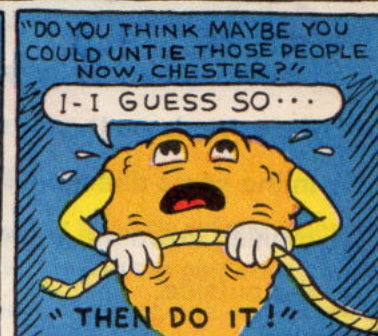
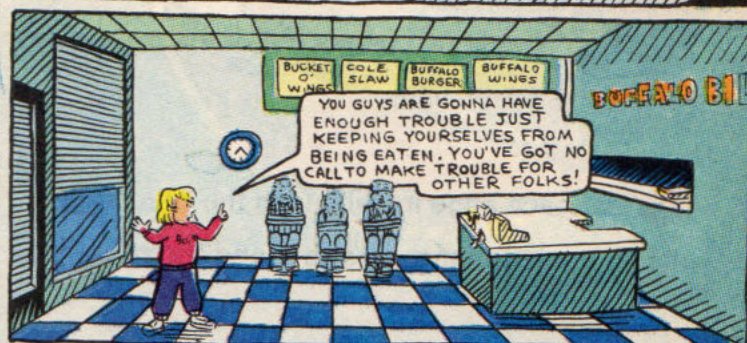
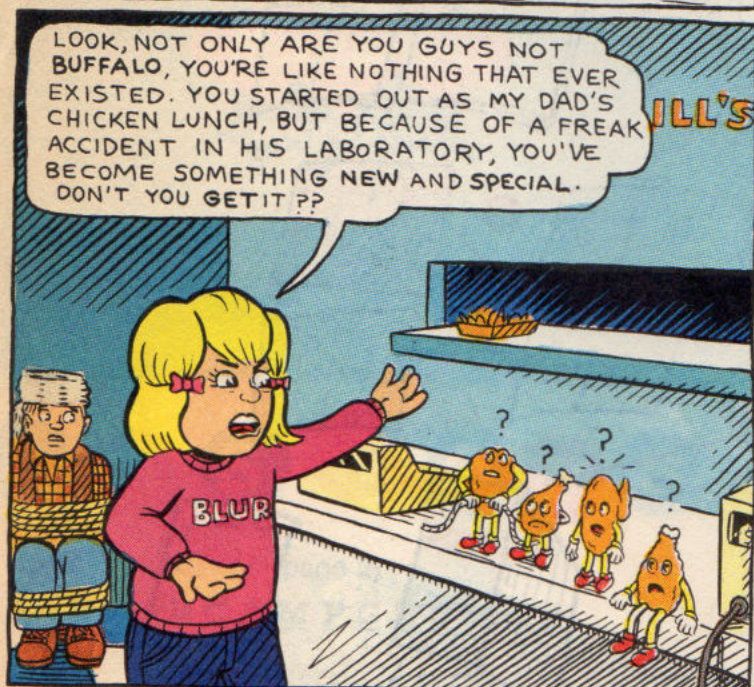
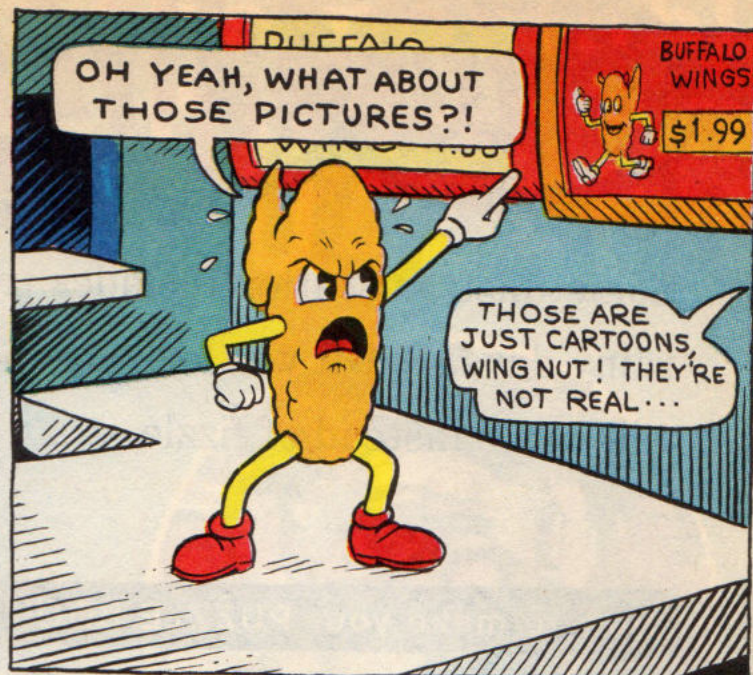
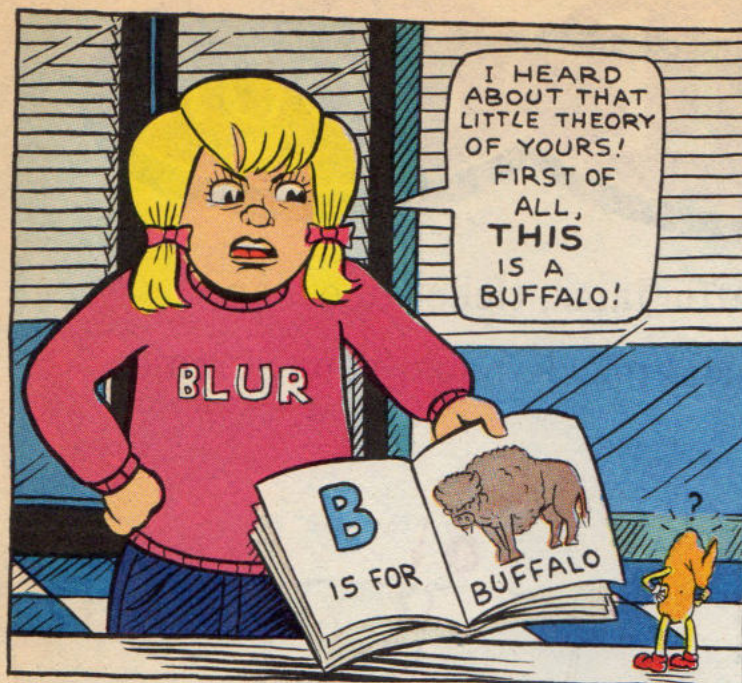
LAST EPISODE, OUR "HEROES" GOT INVOLVED IN A CONFUSING HOSTAGE SITUATION. MISTAKING THEMSELVES FOR THE "BUFFALO" USED TO COOK UP SERVINGS OF "BUFFALO WINGS," THEY HAVE TAKEN OVER A FAST FOOD RESTAURANT, HOPING TO FREE OTHERS OF THEIR KIND BEFORE THEY GET COOKED!

THE POLICE HAVE THE PLACE SURROUNDED AND ARE SENDING IN AN EXPERT IN HOSTAGE NEGOTIATION. WHO COULD IT BE?



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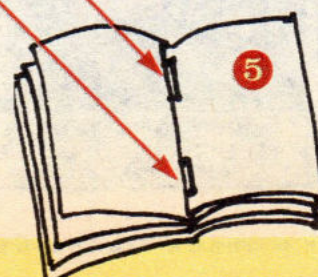
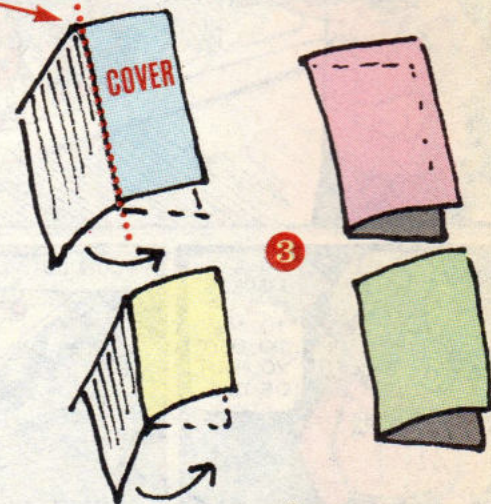
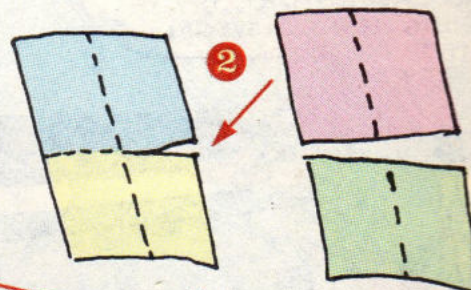
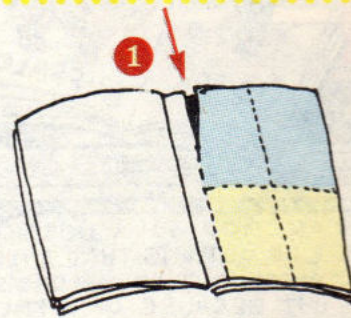
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The PUZZLE Book

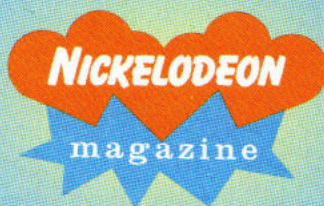
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- 4 Put the pages inside one another, as shown. Look at the page numbers to be sure that the page numbers are in the correct order.
- 5 Staple the pages together in the middle. Then fold them in half to look like a book.
- 6 Find a pencil or pen and start solving!



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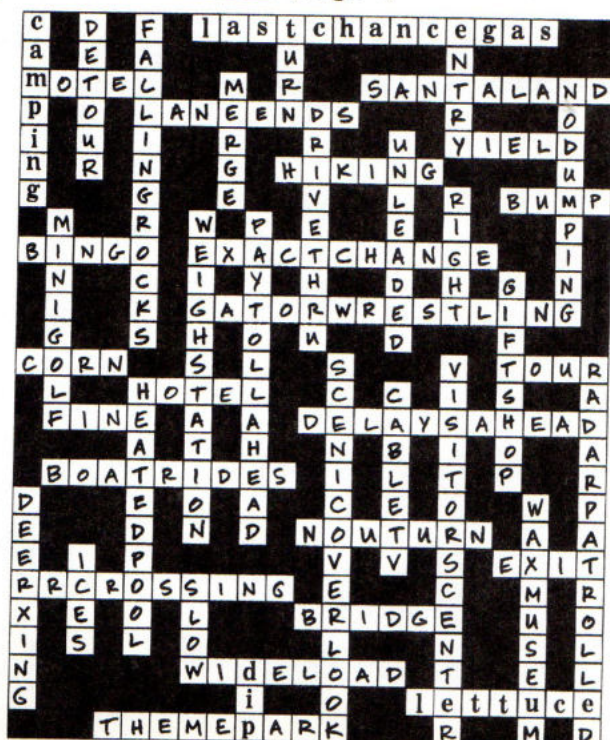


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Get Packing (page 2)

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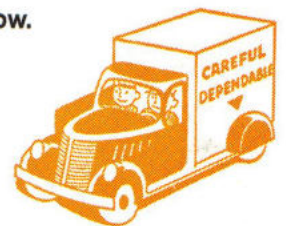
Signs of Summer (Page 7)



Car Games

There's no better way to pass the time driving along a stretch of highway than by playing car games. Here are a few that you might not have heard of, and some variations of games you may already know.

Truck Repetition



PLAYERS: Two or more.

GOAL: To earn 21 points.

RULES: 1. Take turns choosing trucks as they go by your car in the opposite direction. Pay attention to the names of companies or businesses written on the sides of the trucks (for example, Texaco). Your goal is to make a team of five truck companies that you think you'll see again.

2. As each truck goes by, the first player can either choose that business for their team, or they can pass on it. The next player can then either choose that business or pass on it.

3. As soon as you have a truck company on your team, it is yours and no one else can pick it. Every time a truck you have chosen goes by your car, you get one point. You don't have to have your truck team complete to start scoring.

4. The first player to get 21 points is the winner.

OTHER WAYS TO PLAY: Make teams of 10 trucks, instead of 5, and play until the end of the ride, when the person who has counted the most trucks is the winner. Or, instead of trucks, use types of cars, fast food chains, hotels, or gas stations.

BY ROBERT LEIGHTON

Answer on page 14 of this book.



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Hedgehog

Playing For Keeps (page 10)

Mystery Meal (page 12)

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Mystery Meal

When you're traveling, you can end up eating at lots of diners. These roadside restaurants often have their own peculiar slang. For instance, if you heard, "Gimme a deadeye and burn the British!" that would mean, "I need a poached egg and a toasted English muffin." Here are some other examples of diner talk. Match the phrases with the foods they describe.

By John Clarke



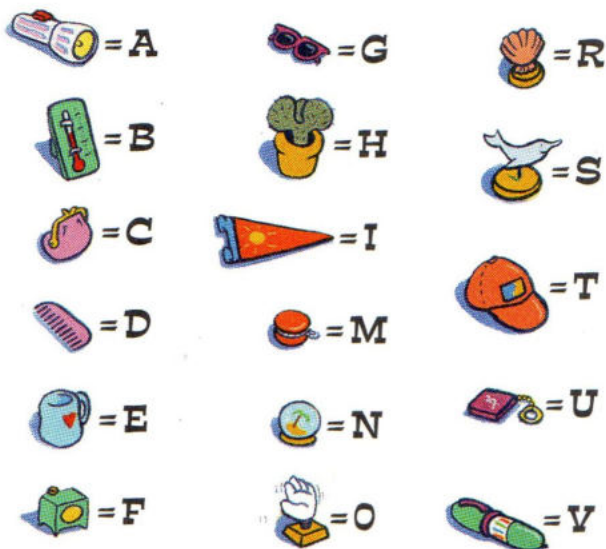
- 1. Elephant Dandruff
- 2. Frog Sticks and Paint
- 3. Drag a Snowball
- 4. Two Dots and a Dash
- 5. Chewed Fine with Breath
- 6. Zeppelin in a Fog
- 7. Yum Yum
- 8. Beeswax on a Shingle
- 9. Eve with the Roof On
- 10. Cow Paste

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Playing For Keeps

by Robert Leighton

There's a secret message at Dee Cody's place. To figure it out, use the code below. Each souvenir stands for a letter. Start at the top left corner of the stand. The first item is a comb, and the letter for comb is a 'D', so we put a 'D' in the first blank. Do the same thing for all the souvenirs, going from left to right on each shelf, until you've filled in all of the blanks. Then read the secret message.



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Answer on page 15 of this book.

Geography

PLAYERS: Two or more.

RULES: One person starts by naming a city, town, state, or country. The next person must think of a place that begins with the last letter of the previous place. For example, if the first player says "Arkansas," the second player must think of a place that begins with the letter 'S,' such as "Scranton." Once a place name is used, no one else can repeat it. You continue until one person is stumped. He or she is then out. The last person left wins.

OTHER WAYS TO PLAY: Use names of famous people instead of places.



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SIGNS of SUMMER

BY ROBERT LEIGHTON

Each of the 47 words and phrases below has its own spot in the puzzle grid on the next page. But here's the catch: it's up to you to figure out which word goes where. Count the boxes and choose from the words with the same number of letters. When you use a word, cross it off the list below.

Hints: Terms like NO U TURN are written all together like NOUTURN. DIP is the only 3-letter entry and LAST CHANCE GAS is the only 13-letter entry, so we've put those in first. They'll give you letters that cross other words. We also put in a few to get you started. Use a pencil—some spots are tricky!

- 3 LETTERS: Dip
- 4 LETTERS: Bump, Corn, Exit, Fine, Ices, Slow, Tour, Turn
- 5 LETTERS: Bingo, Entry, Hotel, Merge, Motel, Right, Yield
- 6 LETTERS: Bridge, Detour, Hiking
- 7 LETTERS: Cable TV, Camping, Lettuce, No U Turn
- 8 LETTERS: Deer Xing, Gift Shop, Lane Ends, Mini Golf, Unleaded, Wide Load
- 9 LETTERS: Boat Rides, DriveThru, No Dumping, Santa Land, Theme Park, Wax Museum
- 10 LETTERS: Heated Pool, RR Crossing
- 11 LETTERS: Delays Ahead, Exact Change
- 12 LETTERS: Falling Rocks, Pay Toll Ahead, Weigh Station
- 13 LETTERS: Last Chance Gas
- 14 LETTERS: Gator Wrestling, Radar Patrolled, Scenic Overlook, Visitors Center

Answers on page 14 of this book.

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Car Games

My Grandma Owns a Store

PLAYERS: Two or more.

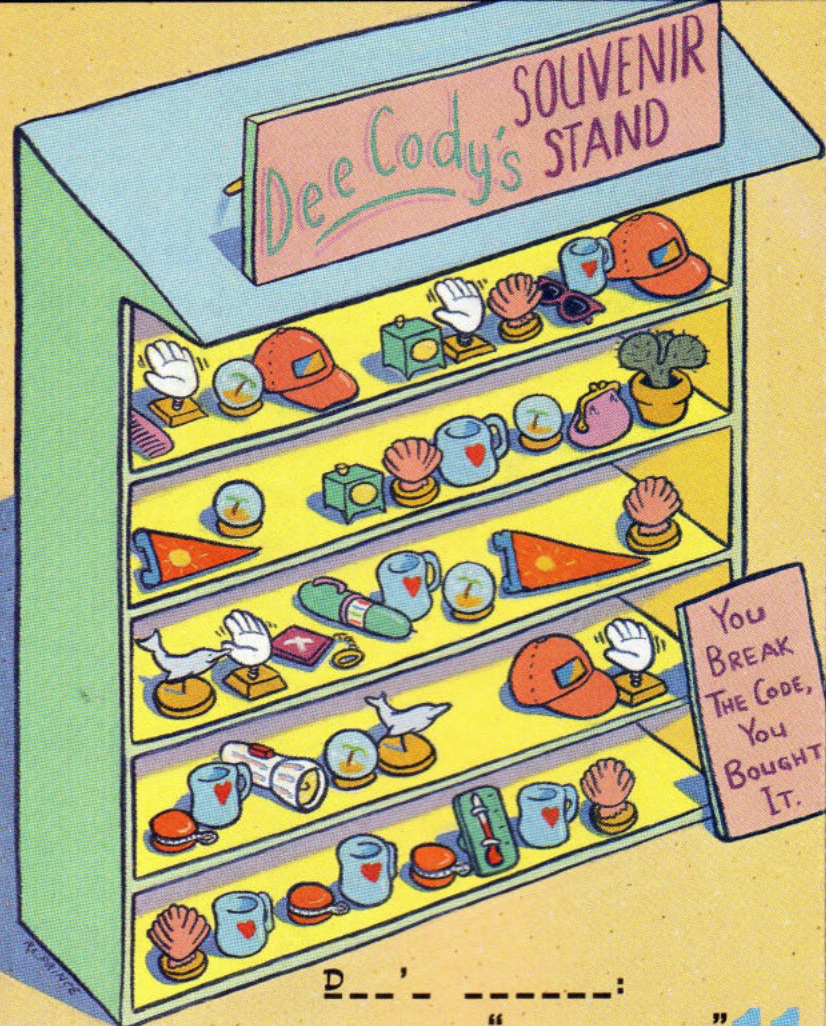
RULES: The first player begins by saying "My grandma owns a store and she sells airplanes." (You can use any object that begins with the letter 'A.') The next person says, "My grandma owns a store and she sells airplanes and butter (or anything beginning with 'B'.) You continue taking turns as you make your way through the alphabet. Each player repeats all the items, in correct order, and adds a new one to the list. If you mess up, you're out. Continue until only one person is left.

OTHER WAYS TO PLAY: Make up other sentences to start with, such as "My cousin owns a multiplex and the movie that he shows is *Airplane!*" or "My Aunt Ruth owns a restaurant and she serves apple crumble."

Alphabet

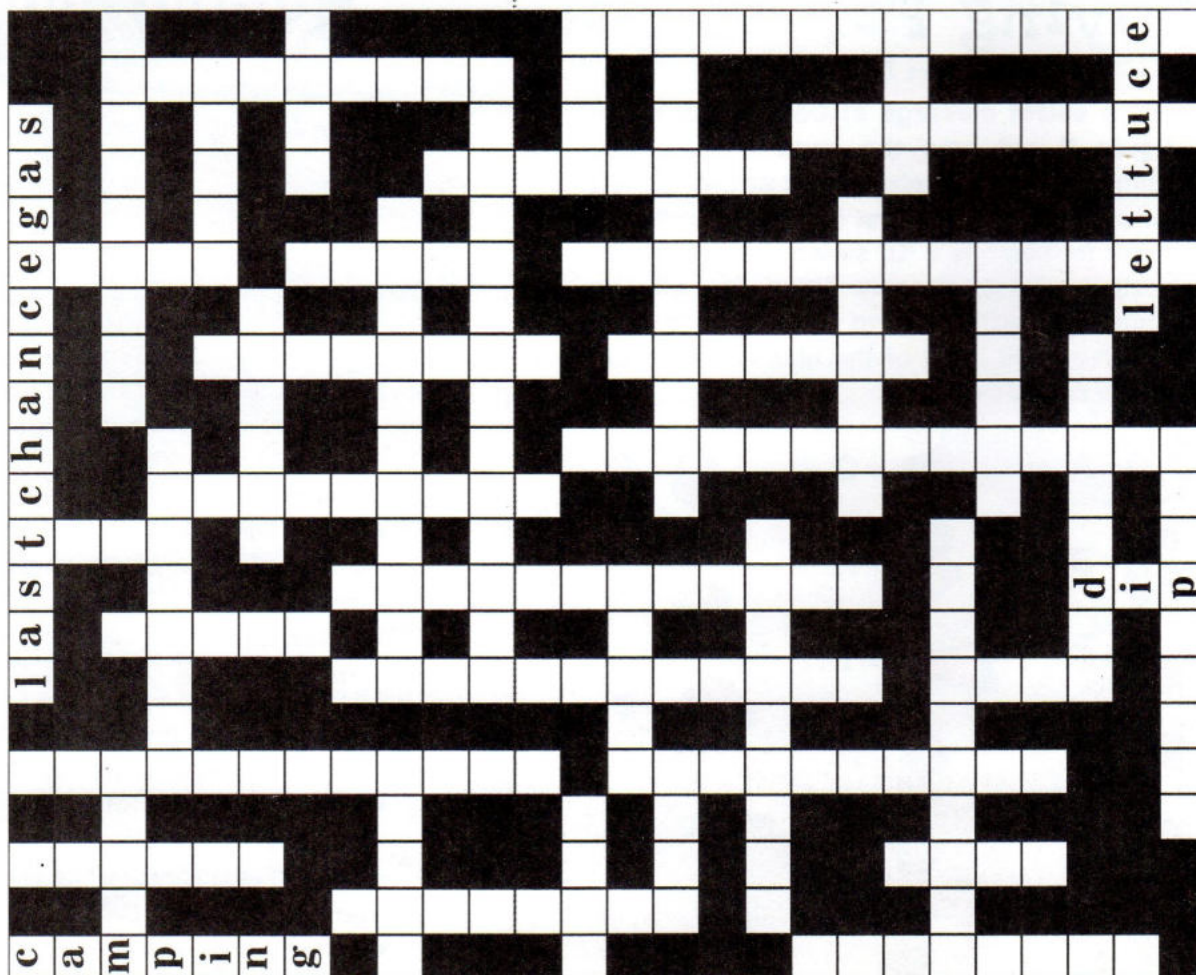
PLAYERS: Two or more.

RULES: Begin by looking for anything on the road (such as cars, signs, and bumper stickers) that begins with the letter 'A'. Next, look for something that begins with the letter 'B'. The object is to be the first person to get through the alphabet. Note: you can't use another person's word.



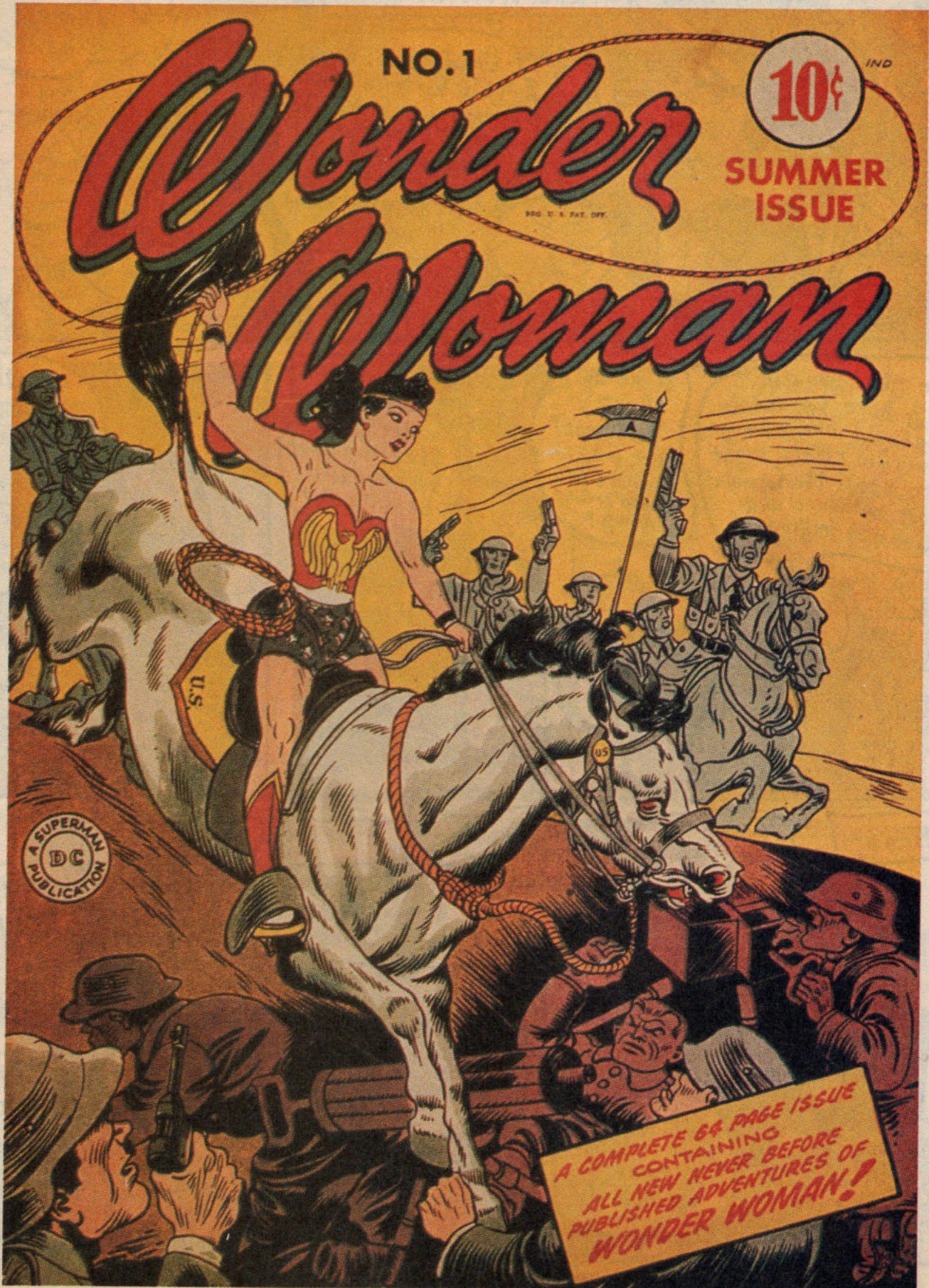
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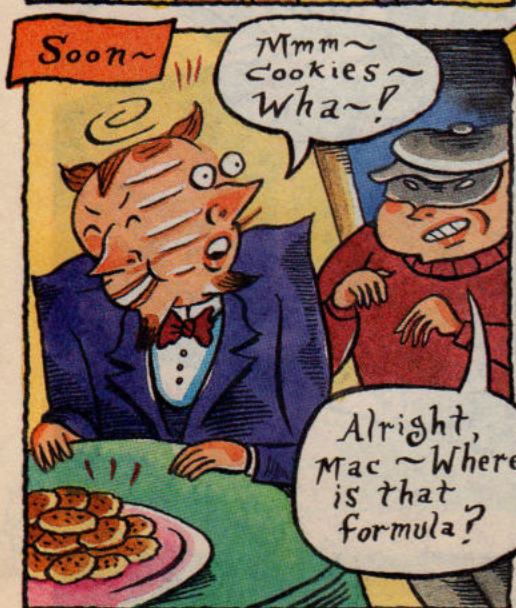
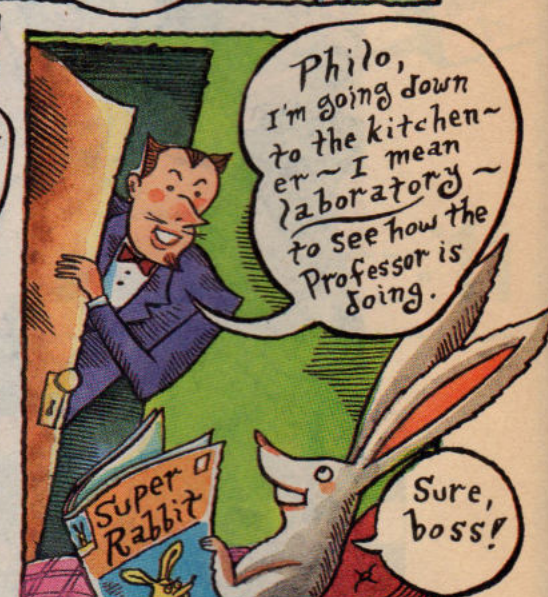
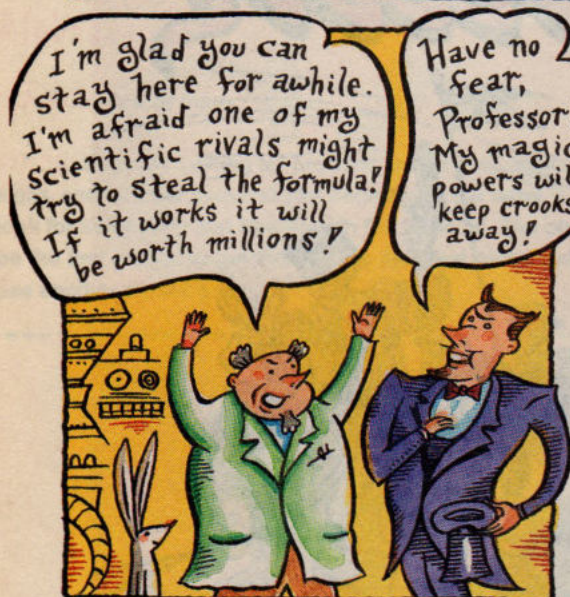


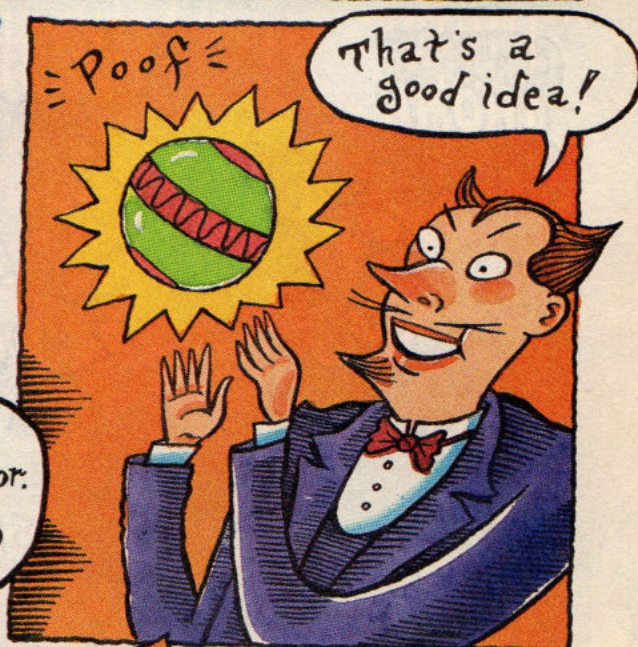
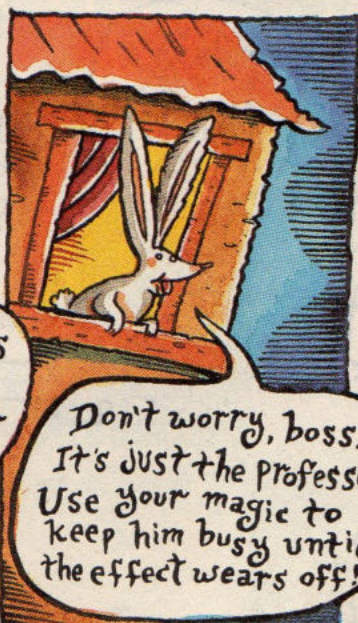
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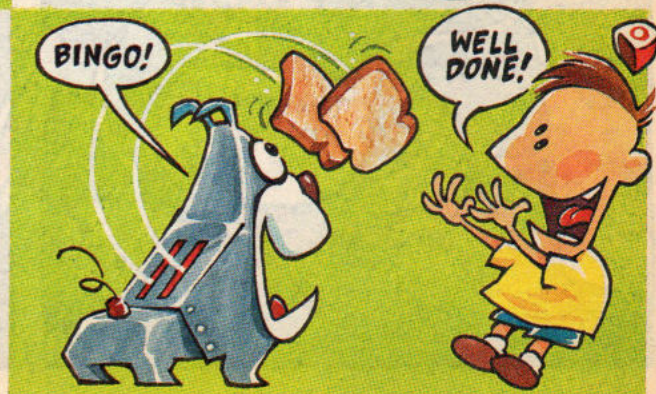
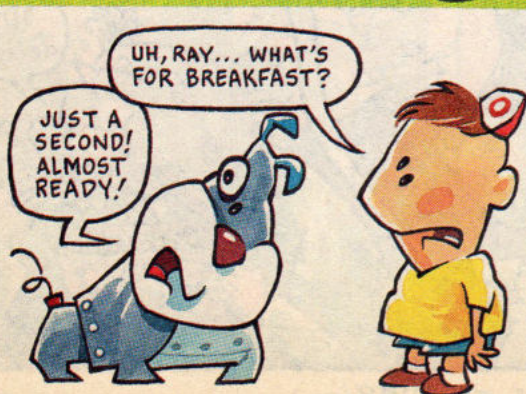
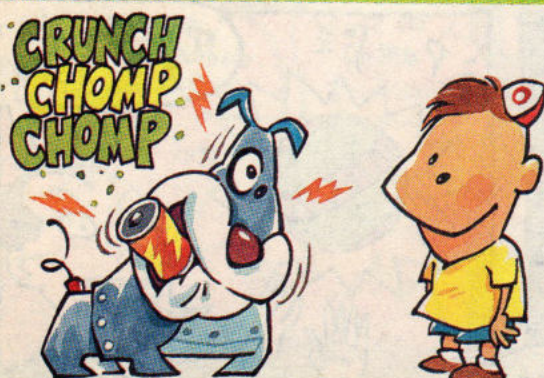
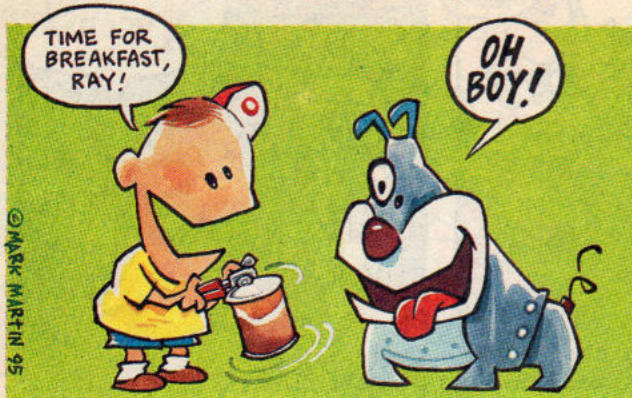
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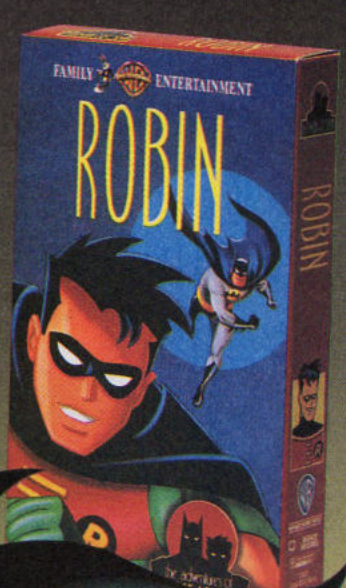
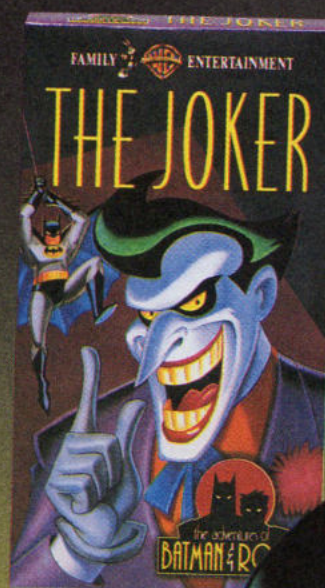
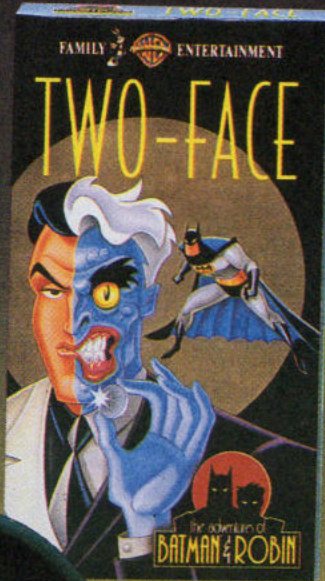
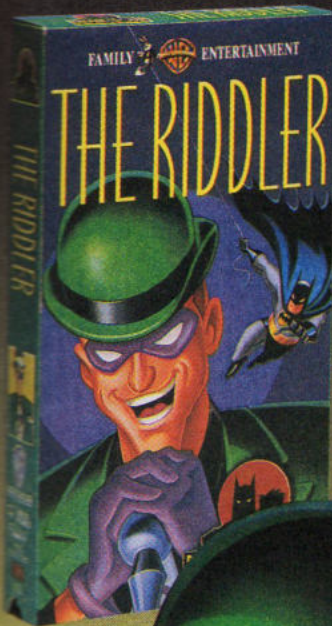


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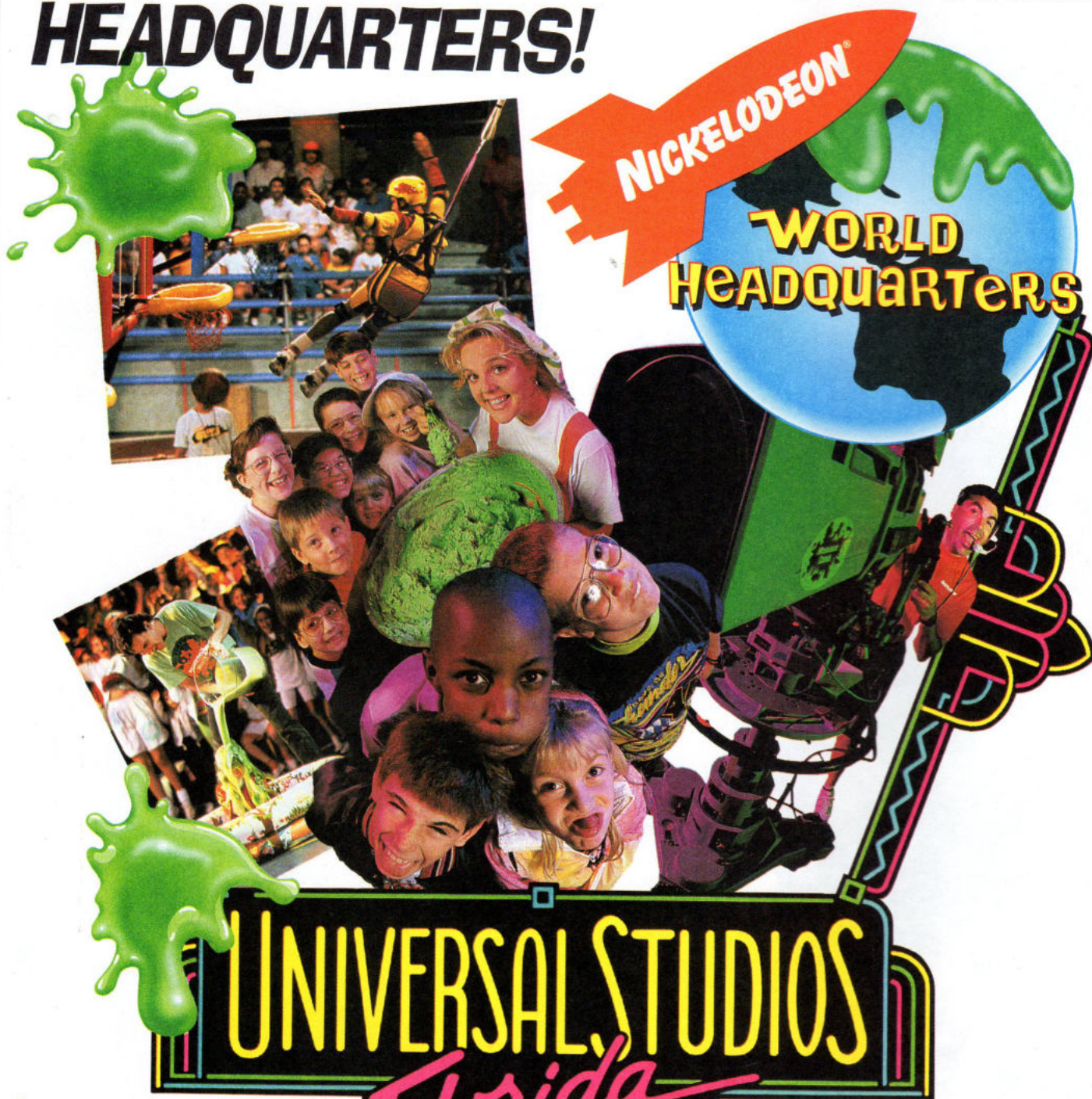
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August



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>6 First woman swims the English Channel, 1926 <i>And then she went Channel-surfing.</i></p>	<p>7 National Smile Week begins <i>Brush thoroughly after every meal.</i></p> 	<p>1 Oxygen discovered, 1774 <i>What did people breathe before they discovered it?</i></p>	<p>2 First Lincoln penny issued, 1909 <i>Show your good cents and celebrate.</i></p>	<p>3 Christopher Columbus begins first voyage to America, 1492 <i>Sail the ocean blue.</i></p>	<p>4 "Frog Days" begin in Melvina, Wisconsin <i>Get a jump on things.</i></p> 	<p>5 Patrick Ewing born, 1962 <i>Just in the Knick of time.</i></p> 
<p>13 Alfred Hitchcock born, 1899 <i>Keep someone in suspense.</i></p> 	<p>14 Magic Johnson born, 1959 <i>Perform a magic trick.</i></p>	<p>15 Napoleon Bonaparte born, 1769 <i>Develop a complex.</i></p>  <p>I like to chew my Bonaparte.</p>	<p>16 Madonna born, 1958 <i>Take a bow.</i></p>	<p>17 Davy Crockett born, 1786 <i>Remember the Alamo.</i></p>	<p>18 <i>Now you can forget the Alamo.</i></p>	<p>19 Bill Clinton born, 1946 <i>Visit a white house.</i></p> 
<p>20 First solo climber to reach the top of Mt. Everest, 1980 <i>Climb every mountain.</i></p>	<p>21 Hawaii becomes 50th state, 1959 <i>Have a luau.</i></p>	<p>22 General Norman Schwarzkopf born, 1934 <i>Take command.</i></p>	<p>23 Fanny Farmer opens her cooking school, 1902 <i>Cook something up.</i></p> 	<p>24 Mt. Vesuvius erupts, 79 AD <i>It was lava at first sight.</i></p>	<p>25 National Polka Festival begins <i>Celebrate accord-ion-ly.</i></p> 	<p>26 Macaulay Culkin born, 1980 <i>Stay home alone.</i></p>
<p>27 First play performed in North American colonies, "Ye Bare and Ye Cubb," 1665 <i>Was it about Chicago sports teams?</i></p>	<p>28 Jason Priestley born, 1969 <i>In Vancouver, not Beverly Hills.</i></p> 	<p>29 Michael Jackson born, 1958 <i>Make H1Story.</i></p>	<p>30 Mary Shelley, author of Frankenstein, born, 1797 <i>Go nuts (and bolts).</i></p> 	<p>31 First pro football game, 1895</p>	<p>GET READY TO TACKLE SEPTEMBER!</p>	



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Give me a bag just in case I throw up

And it's push, push, push all the buttons
Make the chair go back more
Then it's
Time...to...
Watch some lame film
That I've seen before

Take me up in an airplane
Take me up to the sky
Four bucks for headphones but nuts are free
I go for soda, not coffee or tea

And it's stand, stand, stand by the bathroom
Because it says "Occupied"
But at
Last...we...
Land on the ground
And all say "Bye bye!"

I don't need to go up.
I need to go out.



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There's no chance to move
Things are slow, nowhere to go
When will it improve?

Wait, wait, wait in line
Will this ever end?
It is clear that standing here will
Drive us 'round the bend

Wait, wait, wait in line
Boredom is tremendous
Zero action. This attraction
Better be stupendous

Wait, wait, wait in line
Moving like a snail
Bored to bits and throwing fits
Maybe we should bail

Wait, wait, wait in line
Loudly sing this song
Soon we see the people flee
Now they all are gone

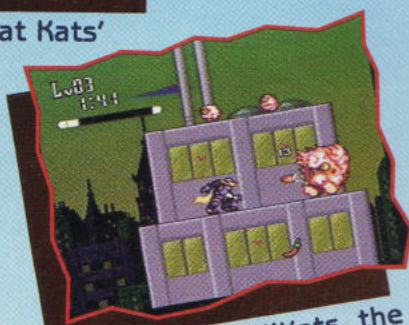
Wait, wait, wait in line
Now we're getting there
Seems this round of awful sound was
More than they could bear



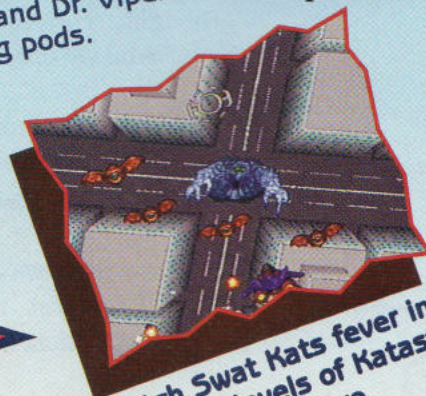
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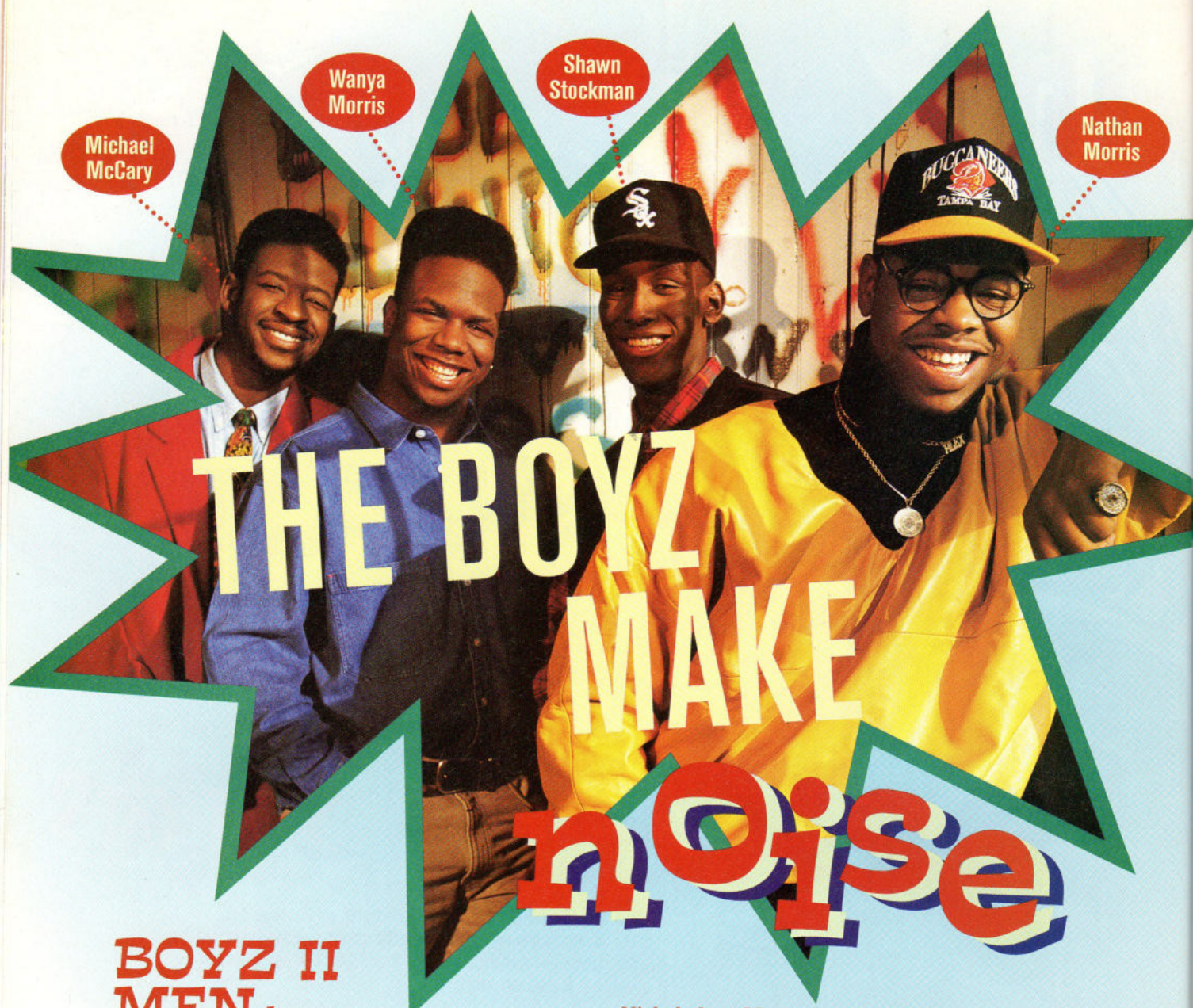


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BOYZ II MEN have

won four Grammy Awards and sold more than 16,000,000 recordings. **NICKELODEON MAGAZINE** talked with **SHAWN STOCKMAN**, who spoke for the Boyz. We asked him to set the record straight about one of the world's most popular music groups. **R**

Nickelodeon Magazine: How did you guys meet?

Boyz II Men: All of us were vocal majors at the same performing arts high school in Philadelphia. Nate, Wanya and I were singing together as a group already, but we hadn't met Michael. One day, the three of us were in the bathroom, practicing our singing. Michael happened to come into the bathroom and added a bass note to our song. We all thought, "Hey, it'd be really nice to add Michael to the group." And we did. That was in the fall of 1988.

NM: Do you remember what song you were singing in the bathroom?

BIIM: "Can You Stand the Rain" by New Edition.

NM: Were you always called Boyz II Men?

BIIM: The first name we had for the group was Unique Attraction.

NM: How did you get the name Boyz II Men?

BIIM: Nathan and I were trying to think of a name and we were listening to the radio at the same time. All of a sudden, New Edition's song, "Boys to Men," came on and I thought it would be a great name.

NM: Why?

BIIM: It sounded good, and we couldn't find anything better.

NM: Why did you change the name?

BIIM: Unique Attraction had been Nate's first group. We didn't think the name fit us.

NM: Where did you first perform in public as Boyz II Men?

BIIM: It was in the winter of 1988 at this little club in northern Philadelphia called The Impulse. We sang "Can You Stand the Rain" and two doo-wop songs, "A Thousand Miles Away" and "What's Your Name."

NM: If a kid wanted to start a musical group, what would be your advice?

BIIM: Try to find someone who's just as hyped about wanting to put a group together, and who loves music. It might be hard at first. We had some tough times when we were starting out. We weren't really best friends, and we had to work on respecting each other and dealing with each other's habits. It's somewhat like being in a family, because you're together almost all the time. But if you remember to keep your music as your common ground, you'll be okay.

NM: Who inspired your music?

BIIM: Take 6. That's a group we all looked up to. We tried to imitate their harmonies, because they were so intricate and pretty. Also, a lot of the old Motown music inspired us.

NM: What's the funniest thing that's ever happened during a show?

BIIM: When Nate fell off the stage. He was on the edge, and he tripped and fell right into the crowd! I didn't even see it. My back was to the audience but when I turned around, I saw Nate in the crowd. Security had caught him, and Michael and Wanya were cracking up.

NM: When you first started touring and you weren't famous, did you share a hotel room?

BIIM: Yes. The two oldest shared one room, and the two

youngest shared another. So Nate was with Mike, and Wanya was with me.

NM: Do you still share rooms?

BIIM: No. Now we each get our own.

NM: How many people do you bring with you when you're on tour?

BIIM: Too many to count. We even have two people just to take care of the clothing!

NM: What do you have more of on your tour: people or outfits?

BIIM: Definitely people.

NM: Who picks out your clothes?

BIIM: We do, along with a stylist who goes out and buys our clothes.

NM: Do you dress alike, even when you're not together?

BIIM: No. When we're hanging, we each have our own vibe.

NM: What do you do in your free time?

BIIM: We like to play basketball.

NM: Which place has the best fans?

BIIM: Australia. We did appearances there at record stores where we thought only 5,000 people would show up, and then 20,000 people came.

NM: When you're on tour, do you spend every moment of the day together?

BIIM: We're together about half of the day. That's when we're rehearsing or performing. The other time, we're chilling out in our rooms before the show.

NM: What is the best part of being a star?

BIIM: The attention.

NM: If there was a Boyz II Men sandwich, what would be on it?

BIIM: Grilled chicken with mozzarella cheese and banana pudding on toasted white bread. Those are things we all like.

NM: Would you eat it?

BIIM: No!

Even I wouldn't eat that.



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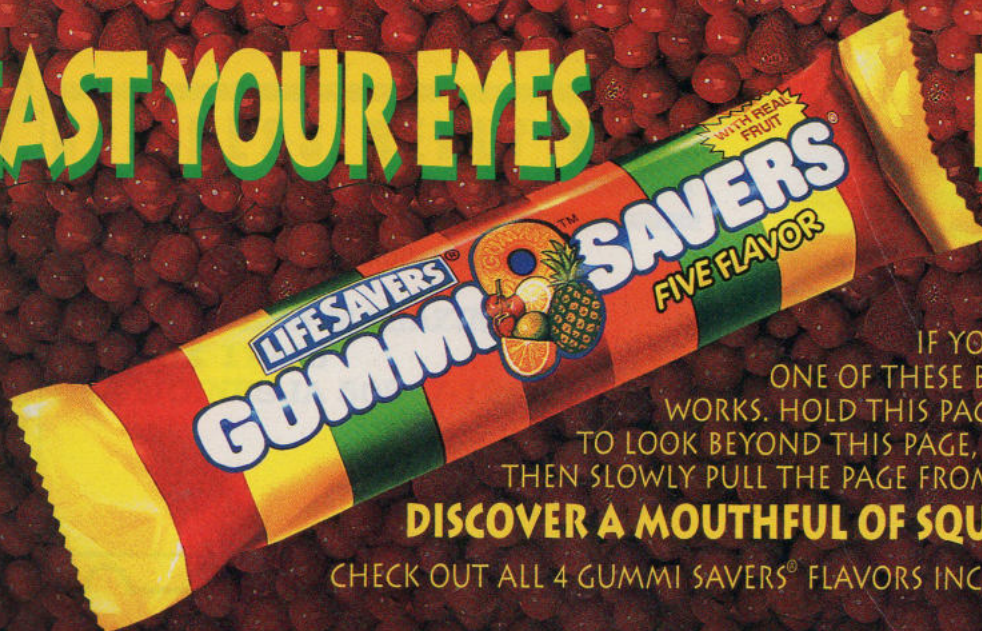
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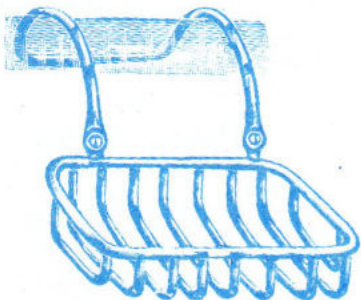
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Instructions: Leave this card in the bathroom before you
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Dear Tollbooth Collector:

I hope you're not *exhausted* because
your job takes a *toll* on you. That's the
reason I'm giving you this card.

Thanks for being there. And please,
don't ever *change*!

See you soon,

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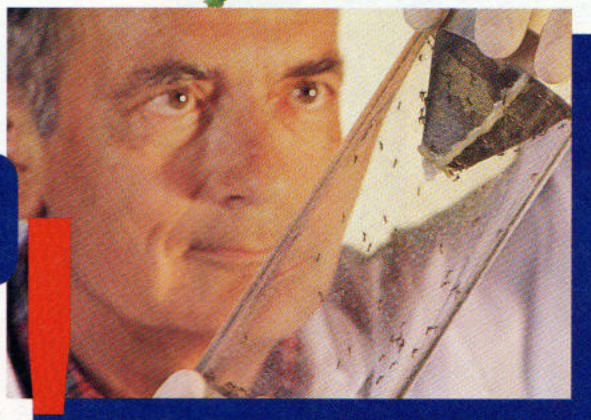
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This Job Bites!



By Margot Guralnick

If your brother and sister bug you, at least you can tell them to buzz off. Ask a mosquito to hit the road, and it just goes in one antenna and out the other. Since bugs don't speak our language, we interviewed Carl Schreck, an expert on insects. He explained why those pesky pests just won't leave us alone!

Where does that annoying mosquito sound come from?

The beating of tiny mosquito wings is what creates the "zzzz."

What attracts mosquitoes to some people and not to others?

All we know is that people give off chemicals that bugs detect. To most mosquitoes, a meal of human blood is not their number-one choice. Mosquitoes will usually choose animal blood over people blood.

Why do mosquito bites itch?

It's the saliva of the mosquito. Sometimes they use the saliva to make the blood flow better. Also, the saliva enters the wound as a kind of lubricant from their mouth parts so they can get down in there.

Do mosquitoes prefer blondes over brunettes?

There's no evidence of that.

Is it true that only female mosquitoes bite?

Yes, the females are the blood-suckers. Males survive entirely on nectar from flowers. And males don't live as long—often only a few days. Females can live up to a month.

How does bug spray work?

We don't know how, we only know it bugs bugs.

Are mosquitoes all bad?

No. They provide food for other creatures, like baby fish. They also clean up water by slurping up the slimy bacteria that thrive in it.



Her buzz is worse than her bite.



Sprayday Can Be Payday

Carl Schreck spent 32 years developing insect repellents at the Department of Agriculture's Mosquito and Fly Research Unit. The laboratory is in Gainesville, Florida, about 300 miles north of the Everglades, which is possibly one of the buggiest places on the planet.

One part of Carl's job was to test new repellents. To do this, he would coat one of his arms with the bug spray, then stick it inside a cage swarming with mosquitoes. After three minutes, he would remove his arm from the cage and count the bites.

Carl also traveled to Africa, South America, the South Pacific, and Alaska to test whether repellents would work in varied places with different kinds of insects. In Ethiopia, he received 450 tsetse fly bites in 15 minutes!

The research unit is still busy testing out new potions. If a mixture seems promising, crews go to a marsh, wearing long pants, gloves, head nets, and repellent from wrist to elbow. In the marsh, they wait until they're each surrounded by as many as 2,000 stingers. After exposing their forearms for up to 15 minutes, they count the bites they've received. To compare results, one unfortunate person isn't allowed to use repellent. If that person ends up with 10 times as many bites as the rest of the group, the bug spray is a success.



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AUGUST 1995

All about Nickelodeon

What I Did on My Summer Vacation



We asked Nickelodeon stars to tell us about their best and worst summer vacations, and to describe their dream vacation, too. See if their great escapes are anything like yours.

Darris Love (Raymond on *The Secret World of Alex Mack*)

My favorite: My family and I took this great houseboat trip on Lake Mead, Nevada, which is close to Las Vegas. We had this 30-foot boat to ourselves for the whole week.

My dream: A cruise to Florida with my friends.



Ali Rivera (*U to U*)

My favorite: When I was 10 years old, I visited Los Angeles with my cousin, aunt, and uncle, and we did the whole theme park route—Knott's Berry Farm, Universal Studios, and Disneyland. On the way back home, we visited the Grand Canyon and the Alamo. We did everything!

My dream: A week at the beach and then a week in the mountains. At the beach I'd go scuba diving, and in the mountains I'd ride horses and take nature walks.



Marc Weiner (*Weinerville*)

My least favorite: When I was a kid, my dad packed the whole family into the car to drive to the Catskills in search of The Hidden Caverns. They must have been hidden very well, because we never found them!

My dream: To stay on an island in Long Island Sound with my family, a sailboat, and an ample supply of cardboard and foam to make puppets with.



JoAnna Garcia (Sam on *Are You Afraid of the Dark?*)

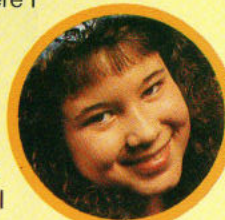
My favorite: I'm from Florida—and after ninth grade, I spent a week at the beach with all my friends—and no parents!

My least favorite: The worst vacation was the summer before ninth grade. There was nothing to do and nowhere to go, because none of my friends could drive.

Katrina Johnson (*All That*)

My favorite: Mazatlán, Mexico, where I stayed on the beach. I went on a banana boat and on a wave-rider.

My least favorite: In Jalapa, Mexico, I stayed in a small hut with my parents and grandparents. There were horrible bugs everywhere, and I had to wear bug repellent all the time.



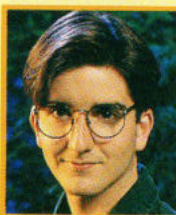
Michael Maronna (Big Pete on *The Adventures of Pete and Pete*)

My favorite: When my family and I took a trip to Walt Disney World. I went on Space Mountain five times in one day, and didn't get sick once.

My least favorite: The summers of '92 and '93 were definitely the worst. I didn't get a real vacation because I had to attend summer school.



Ross Hull (Gary on *Are You Afraid of the Dark?*)



My favorite: A trip I took to Niagara-on-the-Lake, in Ontario, Canada. It was this peaceful small town. I even got a bunch of people together and did some acting.

My dream: A trip to Europe, which I might actually do this year. I want to visit Paris and Rome.

Danny Tamberelli (Little Pete on *The Adventures of Pete and Pete*)

My least favorite: Our trip to the Delaware River, because I got in



trouble and as punishment, I couldn't go in the water. When I was finally allowed to go in, my mom was stung by a bee and got blood poisoning. I ended up having to baby-sit my sisters.

My dream: Ireland, because it's such a beautiful place.

Lori Beth Denberg (*All That*)

My favorite: The year I went to summer sleep-away camp and made lots of friends.

My dream: An exotic, uninhabited island.



Alison Fanelli (Ellen on *The Adventures of Pete and Pete*)

My favorite: A resort in the Bahamas. It was relaxing, there was beach volleyball, and tons of cute guys. I couldn't ask for more.

My dream: Roughing it for a few days with friends in upstate New York on a beautiful campsite. Possibly white water rafting.



Larisa Oleynik (Alex on *The Secret World of Alex Mack*)

My favorite: Ever since I was two years old, several families, including mine, have rented a cabin on a lake for about two weeks. There are usually about 25 kids, and we spend the days riding horses, hiking, and swimming in the lake. Every morning, all the kids go to Mr. Wingo's Bakery, where the owner shows us how he makes the pastries. He always makes icing roses on our fingers—that's my favorite part.

My least favorite: I'm lucky because I never had a bad vacation. I mean, the airlines have never lost my luggage, I've never gotten snowed in anywhere, or even had a flight delayed!





ASK THE BOSS LADY

Where you ask the president of Nickelodeon, Geraldine B. Laybourne, anything you want.

How tall are you?

5 feet, 6 inches, and shrinking!

Do you plan on being the president forever?

Are you asking because you want the job? I can't blame you, because it's really fun. I've been here so long that it's hard to remember life before Nickelodeon. I have a few good years left in me, so don't send in your applications quite yet.

Have you worn glasses all your life?

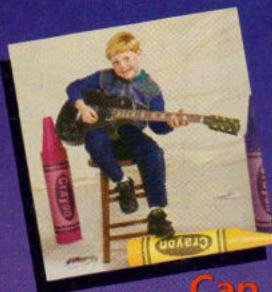
Almost. I first got glasses when I was 11 years old. I've grown to like wearing them, but I was self-conscious in college, and I often went on dates without them. Since I have really bad eyesight, I would sometimes ignore people I knew. They thought I was a snob, but I just couldn't see them.

Did you play a musical instrument as a kid?

I'm embarrassed to admit that the only instrument I ever played was the tonette (it's like a recorder). And if you've ever seen one, you'll know why I'm embarrassed!

Send letters to: Ask the Boss Lady, NICKELODEON MAGAZINE, 1515 Broadway, 41st Floor, New York, NY 10036.

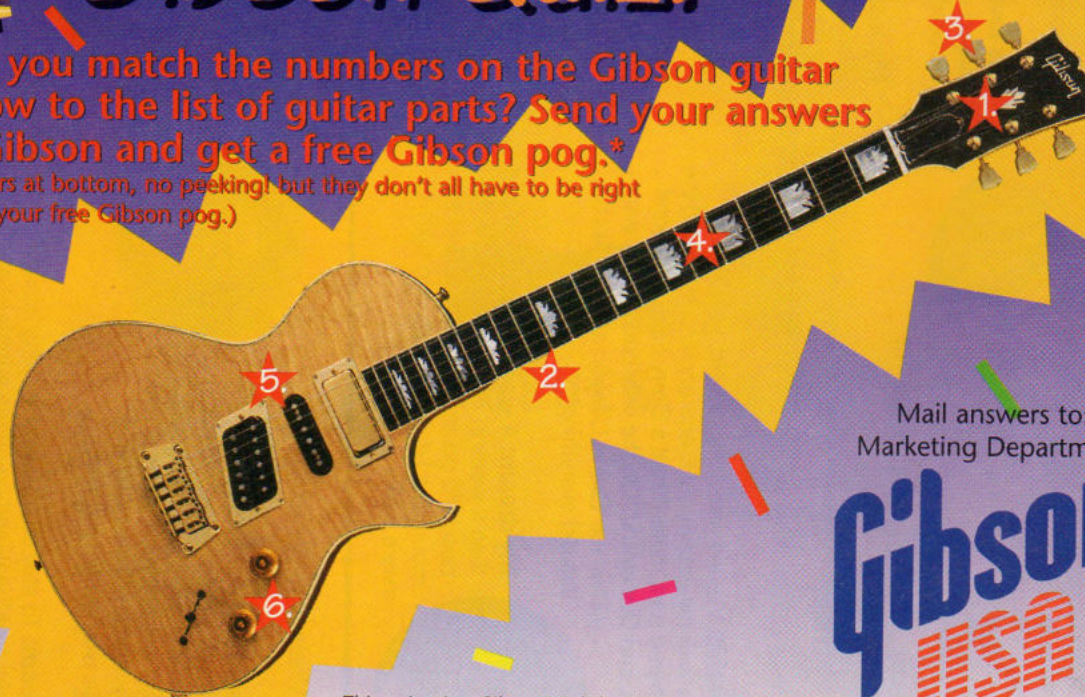
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Face To Face

Take a good look at the girl on the left. She grew up to be one of the famous women on the right. Can you guess which one she is? Answer on page 55.



Halle Berry
actress



Whitney Houston
singer



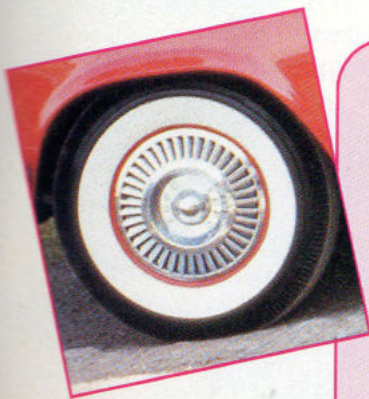
Janet Jackson
singer



To Be or Not to Be

Would you rather be a car tire or a watermelon?

by Patty Marx



I think I once
chased this tire.

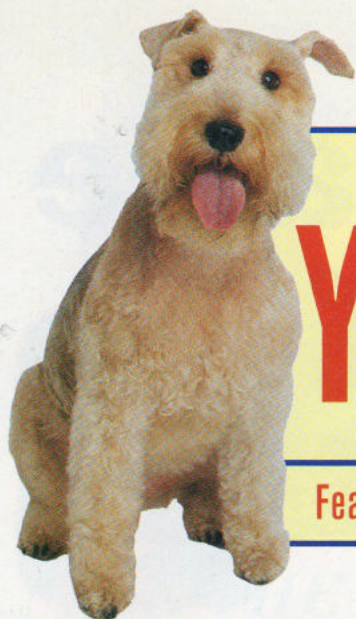
Advantages of Being a Car Tire:

- Free travel
- Only have to do 1/4 of the work
- If things get rough, the spare tire takes over
- Lots of exercise
- Can live in the fast lane
- Get to hug the road
- Spend your retirement swinging under a tree
- You get kicks from people
- You're pumped

Advantages of Being a Watermelon:

- Never thirsty
- Easier to spell than "cantaloupe"
- People who eat you get to spit
- Can roll all over other fruits
- Always invited to summer picnics
- Strong on the outside but sweet on the inside
- You're sweet
- You're a melon but not melancholy
- You've got a rind of your own





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Featuring **Zelda Van Gutters**, **NICKELODEON MAGAZINE's** Roving Reporter

EPISODE 11

1 Zelda meets with her editor to get her assignment.

Mal Zipken, Jr. will soon play in his record-breaking 5,000th straight baseball game. I want to know the secret of his longevity.

But I'm not a sports reporter.

I've seen you chasing balls around the office. Now get out there!

2 At the stadium, Zelda sits in the press booth to watch Zipken's 4,999th game.

Who's the cub reporter sharing our room?

Hey, pup, fetch me a hot dog and a cold one!

Fetch it yourself.

They're not used to working with a dog. I should never have been unleashed on this story.

3 Zelda tries to enter the locker room to interview Zipkin. She's stopped by Pops Deegan, the team's trainer.

Hey, you can't go in there.

I'm a fully-licensed member of the press.

The only license you have is a dog license. **Beat it!**

4 Later, Zelda gets the scoop from one of Zipken's teammates.

What do these players have against dogs?

Don't you get it, Van Gutters? It's not because you're a dog—it's because you're a **female**.

5

Determined to hunt down an interview, Zelda trails Zipken home. But when she gets there. . .

Help, I've fallen and I can't get up. Now I'll never make it to 5,000 games!

Don't worry, Zipken, you're safe. I know just the doctor to call.

6

Zelda calls Dr. C. Everett Droop, a leading bone specialist, who sets Zipken's ankle.

How about that interview now, Zipken?

Just because you saved my neck, lady, don't think you're getting an interview.

Hey, Zipken, I'm a female too. And as your doctor, I urge you to play ball with Zelda.

7

Zipken agrees to give Zelda the interview and she becomes the top dog in the press box.

Can I fetch you some fresh water, Ms. Van Gutters?

No, but be a dear and scratch me behind the ears.

Hey, Zelda, Zipken wants to see you in the dugout. Move your tail!

8

To thank Zelda for saving his career, Zipken lets Zelda bat after him in his 5,000th game.

What are you doing here?

Donny, haven't you heard? Every dog gets walked three times a day!

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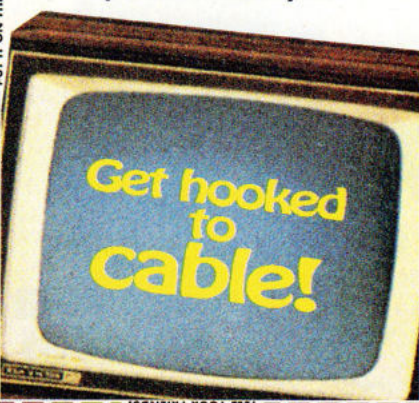


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DEAR ALIEN

I'm QZ*, and I'm from the planet Zittlz. I know everything under, over, and inside the sun. So ask me a question, and I'll give you a real down-to-Earth answer.

DEAR QZ:

Will you be my pet?
Ashley J.
Tallahassee, Florida

ASHLEY:

My food bills would run you over a million dollars a week, and that's for the hamburgers and french fries alone. Are you sure you don't want to be my pet?

DEAR OH POWERFUL, ALL-KNOWING ONE:

I think, no, I *know*, that you are the smartest, most powerful thing that ever was, is, or will be. I bow before your picture. If you don't mind, please answer this question, sir. Who is the second smartest thing in the universe, under you, of course?

I'm not worthy,
Marc K.
West Bloomfield, Michigan

MARC:

You must be the second smartest thing. But don't bow before my picture, Marc, or it will clobber you over the head.

DEAR QZ:

Hi! Do you have a girlfriend? I was wondering because I have this friend

named D.L. who is willing to go out with you. She thinks you're handsome, too!

Jade M.
Elmhurst, New York

JADE:

I think D.L. just replaced Marc as the second smartest thing that ever was, is, or will be.

DEAR QZ:

What does the note in your hand say?

Kelley H.
Atascadero, California

KELLEY:

It says, "What does the note in your hand say?"

DEAR QZ:

My cousin told me that dreams are only 14 seconds long. But dreams seem so real and so long. Is this true?

Abby E.
Pontiac, Illinois

ABBY:

They are so real. So long!

* Note to readers: QZ is short for Qzxlzq, a common name on Zittlz. —The Editors

Do you have a question for QZ? Write to: Ask QZ, NICKELODEON MAGAZINE, 1515 Broadway, 41st floor, New York, NY 10036. Sorry, but the space-time continuum prevents QZ from personally answering every letter.

answers

Whatever We Want (page 4):

The real plants are: Red-Hot Pokers, Blood Lilies, Tuberoses, Yucca, Trailing Phlox, Bleeding Hearts, Painted Tongues, Creeping Zinnias, Scabiosa, and Lungwort.

I dig gardens.



Face To Face (page 51):

The girl is Whitney Houston.

goof troupe



In our April/May 1995 issue, we printed the answers for the article "So Close and So Far," but on the answer page we called it "So Near and So Far." On page 37, Zelda referred to *Canis Major* as the Dog Star. *Canis Major* is actually the Greater Dog Constellation; *Sirius*

A is the Dog Star. **More Goofs:** We apologize to Brandie T. of Brandon, Florida. She won Honorable Mention for her "What's Your Sign?" contest entry in the June/July issue. We put her name under "Watch Out For Runaway Shopping Carts," but her entry was "Superman's Parking Space."

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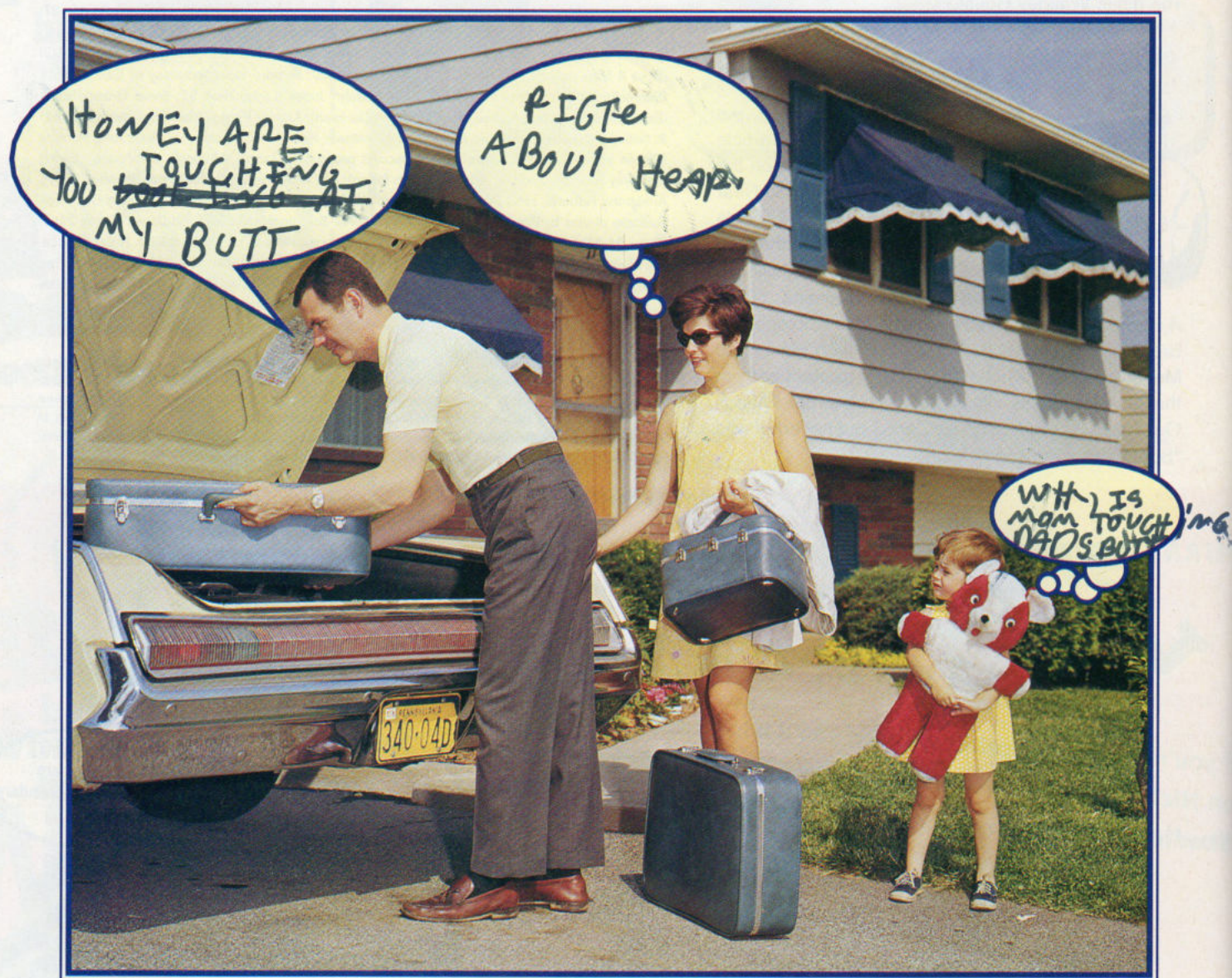


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